

## Closed Caption Log, Council Meeting, 5/25/06

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Mayor Wynn: GOOD MORNING. I'M AUSTIN MAYOR WILL WYNN, AND IT'S MY HONOR TO WELCOME DR. NELSON LANHAN, PASTOR OF BEACON RIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH WHO WILL LEAD US IN OUR INVOCATION. PLEASE RISE.

OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, HOW GREAT AND GLORIOUS IS YOUR NAME. WE GIVE THANKS TO YOU FOR THIS DAY. HELP US TO BE GLAD AND ENJOY IT. AND HELP US TO MEET HIS CHALLENGES AND SEIZE HIS OPPORTUNITIES. WE THANK YOU FOR THE GREAT CITY OF AUSTIN, A PLACE OF BEAUTY IN WHICH TO LIVE. AND FOR THESE COUNCILMEMBERS WHO ARE CHARGED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF PLANNING AND EXECUTING THE COURSE OUR CITY SHOULD TAKE. WE PRAY THAT YOU GIVE THEM WISDOM IN THEIR DECISIONS AND ENABLE THEM WITH SKILLS TO EXECUTE THEM EFFECTIVELY. AND GRANT THAT WE AS CITIZENS MAY GRANT THEM OUR TRUST AND COOPERATION THAT WE ALL MAY LEAD A QUIET AND PEACEFUL LIFE IN THIS OUR GOOD CITY. IN JESUS' NAME WE PRAY, AMEN.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, PASTOR. THERE BEING A QUORUM PRESENT, AT THIS TIME I'LL CALL BACK TO ORDER THE MEETING OF THE AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL. IT IS THURSDAY, MAY 25TH. WE ARE IN THE CHAMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL BUILDING, 301 WEST SECOND STREET. BEFORE WE START I WOULD LIKE TO CALL ON THE CITY MANAGER TO MAKE A LITTLE STATEMENT. WE'VE HAD AN INCIDENT, POTENTIALLY SCARY INCIDENT, BUT I THINK IT'S BEING HANDLED VERY WELL, OUT ON HIGHWAY 290 EAST THIS MORNING. I'D LIKE

TO JUST GIVE US AN UPDATE.

Futrell: SO MANY OF YOU MAY HAVE HEARD ABOUT IT ALREADY AND SOME OF YOU MAY NOT, BUT WE DID HAVE A TANKER TRUCK CARRYING CHLORINE, LIQUID CHLORINE, HAVE A LEAK WE BELIEVE IN A VALVE ON THE TANKER. WE'RE NOT SURE WHETHER HE WAS FLAGGED DOWN BY A MOTORIST. WHEN LIQUID CHLORINE HITS THE AIR, IT FORMS A GAS AND YOU WILL SEE IT LIKE A YELLOW SMOKE. SO THOSE OF YOU WHO GOT A CHANCE TO SEE SOME OF THE COVERAGE ON THE LOCAL NEWS COULD SEE SMALL STREAM OF YELLOW SMOKE COMING FROM THE TANKER TRUCK. CLR REEN IS SOMETHING WE TAKE VERY SERIOUSLY. WE STOP THE TANKER TRUCK, WE HAVE HAZMAT ON THE SCENE, WE HAVE BLOCKED OFF THAT AREA OF THE HIGHWAY. WE DID FOR AN ABUNDANCE OF CAUTION ASK FOR BASICALLY A SHELTER IN PLACE FOR ONE MILE AROUND THE TANKER TRUCK. IT BASICALLY AFFECTED CHIMNEY HILL, WALNUT PLACE NEIGHBORHOOD WITHIN ABOUT A MILE. WE USED OUR REVERSE 911 PHONE SYSTEM TO CALL ALL THE HOUSES IN THE ADDRESS AREA. WE ALSO WENT DOOR TO DOOR WITH OUR FIRE TRUCKS AND OUR FIRE CREWS TO MAKE SURE EVERYBODY WAS NOTIFIED, THEY KNEW WHAT TO DO, THEY COULD GET THEIR QUESTIONS ANSWERED. RUDY, DO YOU HAVE AN UPDATE THAT YOU MIGHT CAN GIVE US FROM THE LAST ONE I HAD?

GOOD MORNING, MAYOR AND COUNCIL. BASICALLY THE MANAGER COVERED ALL THE AREAS THAT WE KNOW OF AT THIS POINT. WE DO HAVE SOME OF OUR WATER STAFF OVER AT WATER TREATMENT PLANT AND OUR HAZMAT TEAM. WE'LL BEGIN A NEUTRALIZING PROCESS IN THE TANKER TO HELP PREPARE FOR THE CREWS THAT ARE COMING IN TO HELP TERMINATE THE INCIDENT. IN ADDITION TO THE MANAGER'S UPDATE, THE RED CROSS, ALONG WITH THE CITY, WILL OPEN UP THE EXPO CENTER AS A RECEPTION AREA. WE ARE ASKING PEOPLE TO SHELTER IN PLACE, BUT GIVING THEM THE OPTION TO EVACUATE IF THEY CHOOSE TO. BUT WE CANNOT AND WILL NOT ALLOW PEOPLE BACK INTO THE AREA. BECAUSE OF THAT WE'RE ALSO WORKING WITH AISD TO DEVELOP A PLAN FOR TRANSPORTATION AFTER SCHOOL LET'S OUT TO DETERMINE IF THE EXPO CENTER WILL BE THE APPROPRIATE PLACE. OUR

DEPARTMENT STAFF WILL BE THERE TO HELP FOR THE KIDS. SO THE EXPO CENTER WILL BE A RECEPTION AREA FOR ANYBODY WHO CAN'T GET BACK HOME AND NEEDS SOMEWHERE TO BE.

Futrell: ANYONE IN THE AUDIENCE OR HEARING THIS THAT HAS CONCERNS ABOUT WHAT TO DO OR WHAT THE INSTRUCTIONS, ALL THE LOCAL TV STATIONS ARE SCROLLING INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS AT THE BOTTOM OF THE CHANNELS.

THANK YOU ALL FOR THE UPDATE. WE APPRECIATE THE PROFESSIONALISM THAT YOU ALL ARE SHOWING. OBVIOUSLY IT'S A PROFESSIONAL SITUATION, BUT IT'S BEING HANDLED SEEMINGLY VERY APPROPRIATELY AND WE'RE TAKING IT VERY SERIOUSLY. THANK YOU FOR THE UPDATE. COUNCIL, WE HAVE A NUMBER OF CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS TO THIS WEEK'S POSTED AGENDA. IT WILL TAKE ME A MINUTE OR TWO TO GET THROUGH THESE. LET'S SEE. ITEM NUMBER 1 WE NEED TO NOTE THAT WE'RE APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF MAY 23rd MAY 23rd, 2006. THAT WAS THE CANVASSING MEETING -- CANVASSING OF THE MOST RECENT ELECTION. ITEM NUMBER 7, THIS ITEM, WHICH IS THE POTENTIAL ACTION ON BOND ELECTION BALLOT LANGUAGE, THIS ITEM WILL BE POSTPONED TO JUNE 8TH, 2006. ITEM NUMBER 14 WILL ALSO BE POSTPONED TO JUNE 8TH, '06. ITEM 17 WILL BE POSTPONED TO JUNE 22nd, 2006. ITEM 23, APPROVING A RESOLUTION THAT CONFIRMS THE CITY MANAGER'S DESIGNATION OF ASSISTANT POLICE CHIEF KATHY ELLISON AS ACTING POLICE CHIEF, WE NEED TO MAKE THAT EFFECTIVE MAY 29TH, 2006, NOT JUNE 5TH AS ORIGINALLY STATED. ITEM NUMBER 33 WILL BE POSTPONED UNTIL JUNE 22nd, 2006. SEVERAL OF THE ITEMS WE ARE CORRECTING AND POSTING AS TIME CERTAINS TODAY TO TRY TO GET A BUNCH OF WORK DONE THIS AFTERNOON IN ADVANCE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS. ITEM 37 WILL NOW BE SHOWN AS A TIME CERTAIN FOR 2:30 P.M., THAT'S RELATED TO TAXI CAB ISSUES. ITEMS 46, 47, 48, 49, ALL RELATED TO OUR MWBE ORDINANCES, THOSE WILL BE POSTED AS TIME CERTAIN FOR 1-BGS 30 THIS AFTERNOON. ITEM 53 WON'T BE ON THE CONSENT AGENDA BECAUSE WE WILL DEFER THIS FOR POTENTIAL COUNCIL ACTION ON PUBLIC HEARING NUMBER

69. ITEM NUMBER 58, WE NEED TO STRIKE THE WORDS THE PAYMENT OF COST FOR, AND INSERT THE PHRASE, THE WAIVER OF SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS, WAIVER OF CERTAIN FEES AND PAYMENT OF CERTAIN COSTS INCLUDING. THAT'S ITEM NUMBER 58. ITEM NUMBER 61, WE SHOULD NOTE THAT MAYOR PRO TEM DANNY THOMAS IS A CO-SPONSOR. ON ITEM 62 WE NEED TO INSERT THE WORD EVENT, AND SO THIS WILL BE THE FIRST NIGHT AUSTIN 2007 EVENT TO BE HELD OF COURSE DECEMBER 31st, 2006. ON ITEM NUMBER 82 WE NEED TO INSERT THE PHRASE, THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE COSTS OF THE, STRIKE THE PHRASE ADOPTED AS PART OF THE FISCAL YEAR '03-'04 BUDGET. INSERT THE PHRASE, THE OPTION AND MAINTENANCE FUNDS. STRIKE THE WORDS THE MACK AND TRAZZAS AND INSERT THE WORD THESE. AND INSERT THE WORDS TO ALLOCATE \$430,000 IN. AND SO JUST TO SUM SUMMARIZE, ITEM NUMBER 82 WILL BE TO ADOPT THE HOLLY PROGRAM FUNDING FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE MEXICAN-AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER OR MAC, THE LIBRARY EXPANSION PROJECTS, TO REDUCE THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE FUNDS REQUIRED FOR THESE PROJECTS AND TO ALLOCATE \$430,000 IN THE AVAILABLE FNDZ FUNDS FOR THE MUSIC GARDEN AND THE TRAIL OF TEJANO LEGEND PROJECTS. THIS IS A ITEM FROM COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ AND THOMAS AND I THINK WE'LL HAVE PROBABLY A BRIEF PRESENTATION OR DISCUSSION ABOUT THIS ITEM. OUR TIME CERTAINS FOR TODAY WILL INCLUDE AS SOON AS WE FINISH OUR CONSENT AGENDA HERE IN A FEW MINUTES, WE WILL GO STRAIGHT TO ITEM NUMBER 66, WHICH IS THE POLICY BUDGET DISCUSSION BRIEFINGS FROM THE CITY MANAGER. AT NOON WE HAVE OUR GENERAL CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS, AND I'LL GO AHEAD AND CORRECT THE ORDER. OUR SYSTEM FOR SOME REASON ALPHABETIZED FOLKS AFTER THEY SIGNED UP, SO THE CORRECT ORDER FOR OUR SPEAKERS AT NOON WILL BE JIMMY CASTRO, CAROL ANNE ROSE KENNEDY, PATTYTY SPRINKLE, CHUCK MAINS, ANDREW DONOHUE, PAT JOHNSON, SUSANA ALMANZA, JOHN GOLDSTONE, JUDY FATH AND MARY ALICE KEYS. >

AT 1:30 WE WILL TAKE UP OUR M/WBE ORDINANCE

DISCUSSIONS. AT 2:30 WE'LL TAKE UP OUR TAXI ORDINANCE ITEM. AT 4:00 O'CLOCK WE GO TO ZONING AND APPROVAL OF ORDINANCES AND RIKTS. 5:30 WE BREAK FOR LIVE MUSIC AND PROVISIONS. AND AT 6:00 O'CLOCK WE WILL HAVE PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION. I'LL ANNOUNCE NOW THAT STAFF WILL BE REQUESTING THE FOLLOWING POSTPONEMENTS ITEM 75 WILL BE POSTPONED REGARDING HISTORIC DISTRICTS AND STRUCTURES TO BE POSTPONED TO JUNE 22nd. ITEM 76 REGARDING THE McMANSION ORDINANCE POSTPONED TO JUNE THE 8TH. ITEM 77 REGARDING MOBILE FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS WILL BE PROPOSED TO JUNE 8TH. AND ITEM 78 WILL BE POSTPONED UNTIL JUNE 22nd. TECHNICALLY WE CAN'T TAKE UP THESE ACTUAL POSTPONEMENT VOTES UNTIL THE 6:00 P.M. POSTED TIME CERTAIN. BY TAKING THIS ACTION AT 6:00 P.M., POSTPONING THESE FOUR POSTED PUBLIC HEARINGS, ESSENTIALLY WE ARE LEAVING AS THE ONE PUBLIC HEARING THIS EVENING TAKING TESTIMONY REGARDING THE POTENTIAL BOND ELECTION AND SO WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO GET TO AS MANY SPEAKERS AS WE CAN EARLY IN THE EVENING AS LAST WEEK FOLKS WAITED AROUND UNTIL ACTUALLY PAST MIDNIGHT BEFORE THEY HAD A CHANCE TO TESTIFY. SO OUR -- ESSENTIALLY OUR PUBLIC HEARING THIS EVENING AFTER 6:00 P.M. WILL BE TAKING TESTIMONY, BUT NO ACTION ON THE PROPOSED BOND ELECTION IN NOVEMBER OF THIS YEAR. WE HAVE A FEW ITEMS PULLED OFF THE CONSENT AGENDA. COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ HAS PULLED OFF THE AGENDA ESSENTIALLY HIS SPONSORED ITEMS AND HAVE A BRIEF PRESENTATION, I SUSPECT. SO TECHNICALLY ITEMS 11, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 AND 61. AND WE'LL TALK ABOUT THE NAMING OPPORTUNITIES. AND ITEM 82 AS NOTED ON THE CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS REGARDING THE ZAPATA PROJECT IS ALSO PULLED OFF THE CONSENT AGENDA BY COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ. FURTHER ITEMS TO BE TAKEN OFF THE CONSENT AGENDA, COUNCIL? COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL.

Leffingwell: ON ITEM NUMBER 63, I WANT TO LEAVE IT ON THE CONSENT AGENDA, BUT AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME I WANT TO SAY A FEW WORDS ABOUT IT AND ALLOW A VERY BRIEF PRESENTATION FROM STAFF ON IT. ANY OTHER ITEMS TO BE PULLED? IF NOT, I'LL READ THE CONSENT AGENDA

NUMERICALLY IF OUR SYSTEM CAN KEEP UP HERE. OUR  
CONSENT AGENDA THIS MORNING WILL BE: ITEM NUMBER 1  
PER CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, POSTPONING  
ITEM NUMBER 'TO 7 TO JUNE 6, 2006. ITEM 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13,  
1414. PER OUR CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS POSTPONED  
TO JUNE EIGHTH, 2006. 15, 16. ITEM 17 PER CHANGES AND  
CORRECTIONS POSTPONED TO JUNE 22nd, 2006. 23 PER  
CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS. 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32.  
AND ITEM 33 PER CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS POSTPONED  
TO JUNE 22nd, 2006. 34, 35, 36, 38, 39, 40. >>40, 41,42, 43, 44,  
45. 50, NOTING THAT IT'S RELATED TO 51. 51, 52, 54. WE WILL  
NOTE THAT ITEM NUMBER 55 -- ACTUALLY, THERE ARE NO  
BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS, SO ITEM 55 WILL  
BE WITHDRAWN FROM THE AGENDA. 56, 57, 58 PER CHANGES  
AND CORRECTIONS. 59, 60, 62 PER CHANGES AND  
CORRECTIONS. 63, 64, 65. AND ADDENDUM ITEMS 80, 81. AND  
THAT WILL BE OUR CONSENT AGENDA THIS MORNING. I'LL  
ENTERTAIN A MOTION.

MAYOR, MAY I CLARIFY ONE THING FOR YOU, ONE THING  
THAT I MAY HAVE MISUNDERSTOOD. ITEM NUMBER 7,  
POSTPONING IT TO JUNE 8TH?

YES.

THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCIL, I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION. MOTION  
MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLEY, SECONDED BY  
ECONOMIC TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS READ.  
COMMENTS? COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL.

Leffingwell: MAYOR, ON ITEM 63, WHICH IS RELATED TO THE  
APPARENT MISS MISUSE OF DISABLED PARKING HANG TAGS,  
PARTICULARLY IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA, I WANT TO  
ACKNOWLEDGE CONSTABLE BRUCE ELFANT WHO BROUGHT  
THIS TO MY ATTENTION. HE'S BEEN LOOKING AT IT FOR  
SEVERAL MONTHS AND PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES ARE UP TO  
65% OF THE DISABLED HANG TAGS IN THE DOCUMENT AREA  
ARE MISUSED IN SOME WAY, THEY'RE EITHER BORROWED,  
STOLEN OR COUNTERFEIT. IF THIS IS CORRECT, THIS COULD  
MEAN THE LOSS OF TWO TO THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND  
DOLLARS IN PARKING METER REVENUE TO THE CITY EVERY

YEAR. AND OBVIOUSLY A SITUATION THAT NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED. IF WE ALLOCATE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES, IT WILL AGAIN OBVIOUSLY PAY FOR ITSELF. AND I WOULD LIKE TO CALL ON CHIEF MILLS TO EXPLAIN EXACTLY HOW THEY'RE GOING TO GO ABOUT ADDRESSING THIS PROBLEM.

MORNING, MAYOR AND COUNCIL. AS COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL SAID, I WANTED TO GIVE YOU JUST A QUICK OVERVIEW AS TO WHAT WE INTEND TO DO WITH THIS PROBLEM THAT'S COME TO OUR ATTENTION. AS YOU KNOW, THE THE ILLEGAL USE OF DISABLED PARKING PERMITS IS A GROWING PROBLEM. THE EFFECTS OF WHICH CAN BE SEEN IN SEVERAL AREAS. FIRST, WE CAN SEE THE DISABLED PERSONS WHO HAVE LEGITIMATE, LEGAL RIGHT TO PARK IN AREAS DESIGNATED FOR THEIR USE ARE DENIED THAT BENEFIT. WHEN OFFENDERS USE BORROWED, STOLEN OR OTHERWISE GOTTEN HANG TAGS AND PARK IN THESE DISABLED POTS. ALSO, THE MOTORING PUBLIC SUFFERS WHEN THEY'RE UNABLE TO PARK AT METERS BECAUSE VIOLATORS ARE ILLEGALLY USING THE PARKING PERMITS AND THEY PARK ALL DAY LONG WITHOUT PAYING AT THOSE METERS. THIRD, THE CITY OF AUSTIN LOSES THE POTENTIAL REVENUE FROM THESE METERS. THE PENALTIES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ILLEGAL USE OF HANG TAGS ARE SEVERAL. FIRST THE MISUSE OF HANG TAGS IS A MISDEMEANOR, SUBJECT TO A FINE OF \$250 UP TO \$500. SECOND, POSSESSION OF A COUNTERFEIT HANG TAG IS A SECOND DEGREE MISDEMEANOR, FINE OF \$500, CONFINEMENT IN JAIL FOR UP TO ONE YEAR OR CONFINEMENT AND JAIL AND A FINE. VIOLATORS ARE ALSO SUBJECT TO CRIMINAL PROSECUTION IN SOME CASES SUCH AS POSSESSION OF COUNTERFEIT HANG TAGS SUBJECT TO ARREST. AND BETWEEN MAY FIRST OF LAST YEAR AND APRIL 30TH OF THIS YEAR, THERE WERE 2,298 CITATIONS ISSUED BY THE CITY OF AUSTIN FOR ILLEGALLY PARKING IN DISABLED SPACE OR FOR THE ILLEGAL USE OF DISABLED TAGS. RESULTING IN THE COLLECTION OF APPROXIMATELY \$200,000 IN FINES AND RELATED COURT COSTS. OF THESE, ONLY EIGHT OF THOSE CASES WERE FOR THE ILLEGAL USE OF A DISABLED HANG TAG. FOR OUR RESPONSE, PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT WILL TAKE A MULTIFACETED APPROACH. OUR RESPONSE WILL

INCLUDE THE PARTICIPATION OF THE THREE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES THAT MAKE UP THE PUBLIC SAFETY IN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, THAT INCLUDES THE MARSHALS, PARK PUBLIC SAFETY AS WELL AS AIRPORT PUBLIC SAFETY. WE'LL ALSO ENLIST THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN'S PARKING ENFORCEMENT TEAM UNDER MORRIS POE AND CIVILIAN VOLUNTEERS WORKING WITH THE AUSTIN POLICE DEPARTMENT. THE TRAINING PROGRAM WILL BE ESTABLISHED TO ENSURE THAT ALL THOSE INVOLVED IN THIS PROCESS HAVE THE NECESSARY SKILLS AND INFORMATION TO EFFECTIVELY ADDRESS THE PROBLEM. SO EFFECTIVE ACTIVE IMMEDIATELY, THE PSEM DEPARTMENT WILL START RECEIVING CALLS FROM PARK ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WHENEVER THE SUSPECTED COUNTERFEIT HANG TAGS ARE OBSERVED. DURING THE NORMAL COURSE OF THEIR WORKDAY, PARK ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WILL CLOSELY EXAMINE HANG TAGS THAT ARE DISPLAYED ON PARK VEHICLES TO DETERMINE WHETHER THEY APPEAR TO BE AUTHENTIC. WHEN A PARKING OFFICER OBSERVES A PLACARD THAT APPEARS TO BE COUNTERFEIT OR BOGUS, THE OFFICER WILL NOTIFY THE MARSHAL'S OFFICE WITH THE LOCATION AND VEHICLE INFORMATION. THE PSEM PERSONNEL WILL THEN BE DISPATCHED AND RESPOND TO THE SCENE, INVESTIGATE THAT REPORT AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ENFORCEMENT ACTION WHEN IT'S REQUIRED. PSEM WILL ALSO CONDUCT PERIODIC ENFORCEMENT INITIATIVES SUCH AS STINGS TO REDUCE THE USE OF ILLEGAL PARKING PERMITS. EFFORTS WILL BE FOCUSED IN THE METERED AREA IN DOWNTOWN PARKING LOTS WHERE SIGNED DISABLED PARKING LOTS EXIST, BUT THE PARKS WILL ALSO BE TARGETS OF THE ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS DURING THE STING OPERATIONS. PSEM PERSONNEL WILL ALSO WORK CLOSELY WITH PARK ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO IDENTIFY THESE AREAS WHERE HIGH INCIDENTS OF HANG TAG ABUSE OCCURS. PSEM OFFICERS WILL BE ASSIGNED AT IDENTIFIED LOCATION AND TAKEN FORCEMENT ACTIONS WHEN REQUIRED. THE CIVILIAN VOLUNTEERS WILL ALSO BE STATIONED AND AGREED TO WORK WITH US AND BE STATIONED AND USED AS MONITORS TO NOTIFY PSEM WHENEVER THEY OBSERVE THESE INFRACTIONS. PSEM WILL ESTABLISH A SYSTEM FOR TRACKING THE NATURE AND

EXTENT OF THE ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS AND REPORTS OF HANG TAG MISUSE. WE'LL HAVE DAILY REPORTS FROM THE PARKING ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, REPORTS BY THE CIVILIAN VOLUNTEERS OF HANG TAG ABUSE TO BE REPORTED AND RECORDED. THE NUMBER OF CITATIONS AND/OR ARRESTS WILL BE TRACKED AND CONTACTS WITH PERSONS WHO ARE LEGITIMATELY USING A PERMIT WILL BE DOCUMENTED TO PREVENT MULTIPLE REQUESTS OF OFFICERS TO PROVE THEIR LEGAL USE OF THEIR HANG TAGS. AT THE END OF THIS 90-DAY PERIOD, WE'LL REPORT BACK TO COUNCIL AFTER WE EVALUATE THE PROGRESS AND REPORT THAT BACK TO COUNCIL. CAN I ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS?

THANK YOU VERY MUCH, CHIEF. IT SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD PROGRAM. I DO WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT THE REASON WE'RE TAKING THIS APPROACH THROUGH OUR PSEM ORGANIZATION IS THAT THE PEOPLE WHO ISSUE PARKING TICKETS CAN'T DO THE ENFORCEMENT. IF AN ARREST IS NECESSARY, THEY CAN'T DO THAT. IT HAS TO BE A SWORN PEACE OFFICER THAT TAKES THIS ACTION. SO THAT'S THE REASON WE'RE TAKING THIS ROUTE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

THANKS.

Mayor Wynn: YES, THANK YOU, CHIEF. FURTHER COMMENTS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA? MAYOR PRO TEM.

Thomas: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MAYOR. I JUST WANT TO COMMEND THE CITY MANAGER FOR HER ACTION IN MAKING HISTORY. MAY THE 29TH IN THE GREAT CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS WE'LL HAVE AN ACTING CHIEF WHICH IS NAMED CHIEF KATHY ELLISON. KATHY ELLISON HAS MADE HISTORY IN THIS GREAT CITY FOR A LONG TIME. SHE WAS THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN FEMALE OFFICER, AND WE ARE PRAYING THAT THE COMMUNITY AND THE DEPARTMENT AND THE ASSOCIATIONS GET BEHIND THE ACTING CHIEF ON MAY 29TH, ACTING CHIEF KATHY ELLISON. WE WISH YOU YOUR BLESSINGS AND WE'LL BE THERE TO SUPPORT YOU AND WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE COMMUNITY AND THE ASSOCIATION OF THE AUSTIN POLICE DEPARTMENT AND TO SUPPORT YOU IN YOUR ENDEAVORS. I JUST WANT TO

COMMEND THE CITY MANAGER FOR THAT APPOINTING. AND I WANT TO ALSO COMMEND -- THANK THE CO-SPONSORS OF THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION THAT WE BROUGHT FORWARD. THE PURPOSE OF THIS IS TO CONTINUE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE WILL NOT HAVE THE DISPARITIES THAT WE ACKNOWLEDGED LAST YEAR. I APPRECIATE COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN AND DUNKERLEY, CO-SPONSORS OF THIS ITEM. THIS ITEM WOULD ALLOW THIS COMMISSION TO CONTINUE TO EMBRACE THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY AND ALSO WOULD ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT AND THE STAFF KNOW SOME OF THE CONCERNS THAT THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY HAVE. SO I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT. THANK YOU.

MAYOR, AND COULD I PUT KATHY ON THE SPOT FOR JUST A SECOND?

Mayor Wynn: OF COURSE YOU MAY.

Futrell: KATHY, COME ON DOWN.

Thomas: SO PEOPLE CAN SEE YOU.

Futrell: SO FOLKS CAN SEE OUR NEW ACTING POLICE CHIEF AND MAYBE SAY A FEW WORDS, KATHY, ABOUT HOW EXCITED YOU ARE TO BE GIVEN THIS JOB. [ LAUGHTER ] >>

Mayor Wynn: ACTUALLY, FOLKS, PLEASE JOIN ME IN WELCOMING NEW ACTING CHIEF. [ APPLAUSE ]

LET ME SAY GOOD MORNING TO MAYOR PRO TEM AND TOBY. I AM BEING PUT ON THE SPOT, BUT THAT'S OKAY. I AM EXCITED TO ACCEPT THIS ACTING POSITION. I'VE BEEN A POLICE OFFICER FOR A LONG TIME. I LOVE WHAT I DO AND I LOVE THE PEOPLE THAT I WORK WITH. AND SO I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS. I HOPE THAT I CAN CONTINUE IN MY PUBLIC SERVICE TO THIS CITY BECAUSE EVEN THOUGH I'M NOT FROM HERE AND YOU ALL PROBABLY KNOW THAT BY READING THE PAPER, I LOVE THIS CITY. AND SO I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS JOB. I TELL EVERYBODY I'M EXCITED, BUT I'M NERVOUSLY EXCITED. AND IT'S A WEEK SOONER THAN I

ANTICIPATED, BUT I'M READY TO GO.

Futrell: THANKS, KATHY. [ APPLAUSE ]

Thomas: ONE MORE THING, MAYOR. IS THIS YOUR GREAT DAY TODAY, YOUR BIRTHDAY?

IT IS.

Thomas: LET'S SAY HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

TODAY IS MY BIRTHDAY, YES.

Thomas: WE WANT TO SAY HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MAYOR PRO TEM. COMMENTS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA? COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN.

McCracken: YEAH. A COUPLE OF ITEMS. THE FIRST IS I'VE ASKED PARSON BRINKERHOFF WITH THEIR GREAT DIVISION OF PD PLACE MAKING TO GIVE US A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF WHAT'S A REAL IMPORTANT MOMENT IN OUR COMMUNITY THAT WE'RE KICKING OFF TODAY. SEVERAL OF US WENT TO DENVER LAST YEAR, LEARNED THAT BY GETTING ALL THEIR LAND USE AND ZONING PLANNING IN PLACE IN ADVANCE, THAT WHEN THEY OPEN THEIR LIGHT RAIL SYSTEM, THEY HIT YEAR 14 RIDERSHIP PROJECTIONS ON DAY ONE AND THEY HAD TO GO ON A CRASH COURSE TO BUY MORALE CARS AND THAT'S THE BENEFIT OF DOING THIS UP FRONT AND GETTING THE CODES RIGHT AND THE DEVELOPMENT IN PLACE. SO PARSONS BRINKER HALF HAS TAKEN ON A BIG TASK. I'VE ASKED THE FOLKS HERE TO JUST GIVE US A LITTLE PREVIEW OF WHAT WE'VE GOT COMING BECAUSE IT'S GOING TO START VERY SOON. >>

Mayor Wynn: WELCOME, GENTLEMEN.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I APPRECIATE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SAY A FEW WORDS ABOUT THE EXPERIENCE THAT PARSONS BRINKERHOFF HAS HAD WITH THIS KIND OF ENDEAVOR. AND WHAT'S COMING AROUND, EXCUSE ME, IS A

HANDOUT THAT I WILL JUST GO THROUGH AND HIT SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS. COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN WAS KIND ENOUGH TO ALLOW US TO COME AND DO THIS. THERE'S FOUR THINGS THAT ARE IN THIS HANDOUT, AND THEY INCLUDE SOME INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT IS ALL ABOUT. SECONDLY SOME INFORMATION ABOUT THE SPECIFIC PEOPLE, INCLUDING MYSELF, THAT WILL BE INVOLVED IN THIS PROJECT. AND THEN A FEW WORDS ABOUT THE VISIONING PROCESS THAT WE SEE THAT WILL BE HELPFUL TO MOVE THIS PROJECT ALONG. AND THEN SOME INFORMATION ABOUT SOME OF THE SAMPLE PROJECTS THAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE. LET ME GO OVER THE PAGE 3 OF YOUR HANDOUT, AND THE BOTTOM SLIDE, WHICH IS TITLED THREADS OF COMMON CONSENSUS. THIS REALLY I THINK HIGHLIGHTS WHAT TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT IS INTENDED TO ACHIEVE. AND WE SEE THAT THERE'S A LOT OF OPPORTUNITY FOR THAT TO HAPPEN HERE IN THE AUSTIN AREA. BUT WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT IS DEFINING A DISTINCT REGIONAL IDENTITY WITH EACH OF THESE STATION AREA PLANS. I THINK YOU'VE SEEN SOME OF THAT IN SOME OF THE TOURS THAT SOME OF YOU HAVE TAKEN AROUND THE COUNTRY. IT'S ALSO IMPORTANT THAT WHAT DEVELOPS ESSENTIALLY ALLOWS THESE STATIONS TO BECOME BOTH ORIGINS AND DESTINATIONS. YOU WANT TO BOTH ATTRACT JOBS AND RESIDENTS AND YOU WANT DO IT IN SUCH A WAY THAT IT REPRESENTS AND RECOGNIZES THAT THERE'S A LOT OF CHANGING LIFESTYLES THAT ARE TAKING PLACE IN TERMS OF HOW PEOPLE LIVE, HOW THEY WANT TO INTERACT WITH THEIR COMMUNITY AND INTERACT WITH THEIR PLACE OF WORK. WE ALSO, OF COURSE, SEE IT'S IMPORTANT IN TERMS OF THAT SETTING AND THAT IDENTITY IS TO LOOK AT ARCHITECTURAL QUALITY AND OTHER KINDS OF STANDARDS, AND IN ADDITION AND FINALLY WHAT'S MOST IMPORTANT IS TO REALLY BUILD THE LOCAL OWNERSHIP THROUGH A PROCESS. AND THAT REALLY IS WHAT THE VISIONING IS ALL ABOUT AND THE PROCESS I'LL TALK ABOUT IN A FEW MINUTES. I'LL SAY A COUPLE OF WORDS ON PAGE 4 ABOUT MYSELF. I'M GOING TO BE THE PROPOSED PROJECT MANAGER FOR THIS EFFORT. I COME FROM THE DALLAS-FORT WORTH AREA. BEFORE COMING TO PARSONS BRINKERHOFF, I SPENT 14

YEARS WITH DALLAS AREA RAPID TRANSIT AND WAS VERY MUCH INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATIONS AND THE STATION AREA PLANS AND THE T.O.D. EFFORTS THAT TOOK PLACE IN THAT AGENCY. TAKING THAT FROM PLANNING AND WORKING THROUGH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SOME OF THESE VARIOUS PLANS. I'M JOINED BY ONE OF THE COUNTRY'S FOREMOST EXPERTS IN THIS FIELD, GB AIRING ING INGTON, WHO IS BASED OUT OF PORTLAND, OREGON. THAT'S A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS STORY. AND HE'S GOING TO BE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THIS PROJECT. IN ADDITION WE HAVE OTHER NATIONAL EXPERTS, PAUL MORRIS, SOME OVER ON PAGE 5, AND DR. ALEX GAR VIN, WHO HAS WRITTEN A BOOK, THE AMERICAN CITY, WHAT WORKS AND WHAT DOESN'T. HE'S GOING TO HELP US IN THIS VISIONING EXERCISE. AND IN ADDITION A GENTLEMAN WITH BAY AREA ECONOMICS TO BRING US SOME ADDITIONAL HELP IN THE AREA OF FINANCIAL STRATEGY AND MARKET STRATEGY. I'M ALSO VERY PLEASED THAT WE HAVE A FINE CONTINGENT OF AUSTIN-BASED SUBCONSULTANTS THAT ARE IN A NUMBER OF KEY AREAS OVER ON PAGE 6. NOW LET ME SAY SOMETHING ABOUT THE VISIONING PROCESS AND THE OVERALL PROCESS OF WORK. THERE'S ONLY THREE MAIN PARTS TO THIS. IT STARTS WITH THE VISIONING. FROM THERE WE GO INTO DEVELOPING ALTERNATIVE STRATEGY -- I'M SORRY, ALTERNATIVE CONCEPTS. THEN WE TALK ABOUT VARIOUS STRATEGIES, FINANCE STRATEGIES, MARKET STRATEGIES AND REGULATORY STRATEGY. AND OUR INTENT IS TO WORK A NUMBER OF THESE AREA PLANS SIMULTANEOUSLY IN RECOGNITION OF THE SCHEDULE THAT YOU WANT TO WORK TOWARDS. NOW, OVER ON PAGE 7, THE VISIONING REALLY IS -- THE BACKDROP FOR THAT IS I THINK THE HEALTHY TENSION THAT ALWAYS EXISTS IN ANY PROJECT OF THIS TYPE BETWEEN NEIGHBORHOODS, DEVELOPERS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT. ALL HAVE THEIR UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE AND OBJECTIVES. AND IT'S EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO GO AHEAD AND MAKE SURE WE HAVE ALL THE RIGHT PARTIES TOGETHER FROM THE BEGINNING AND WORKING THROUGH THIS PROCESS. SOMETIMES IT'S AN EDUCATIONAL PROCESS THAT OBVIOUSLY HAS TO BE A COLLABORATIVE PROCESS. WE'RE FOCUSING ON THE FUTURE, BUT WE NEED TO MAKE SURE WE'RE GROUNDED IN REALITY. AND WE ALSO NEED TO BE

FOCUSING ON THE END GAME AND IMPLEMENTATION, BUT ALONG THE WAY ALSO BE VERY FLEXIBLE AND OPEN TO A LOT OF NEW IDEAS. AS FAR AS OUR PROJECTS, STARTING OVER ON PAGE 8, WE HAVE DONE QUITE A FEW IN THIS AREA, AND I'M HAPPY TO SAY THAT WE'VE ALSO HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO BEGIN A PROCESS WITH CAPITAL METRO ON THEIR HOWARD LANE STATION IN THE VERY EARLY STAGES, AND SO IT'S HELPED GROUND US AND OUR TEAM IN THE AUSTIN AREA AS WELL AS BRINGING ALL THE EXPERTISE THAT WE HAVE FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY. AND THIS CHART ON THE BOTTOM OF PAGE 8 THAT JUST REALLY KIND OF LISTS SOME OF THE EMPHASIS AREAS OF THESE PROJECTS IN TERMS OF, YOU KNOW, DEVELOPING A FINANCIAL STRATEGY, AN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN, REGULATORY PLAN AND THE LIKE AND ALL THE DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF THESE PROJECTS THAT ARE IMPORTANT. AND AS YOU CAN SEE THAT IT'S NOT A ONE SIZE FITS ALL KIND OF PROCESS. THEY'RE ALL -- THEY ALL ARE UNIQUE AND THEY ALL TAKE DIFFERENT TWISTS AND TURNS. THE LAST COUPLE OF PAGES IN THIS HANDOUT SIMPLY GIVES YOU SOME ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RELATIVE TO SOME OF THESE PROJECTS AND HIGHLIGHTING THE FACT THAT THE PROJECTS IN OREGON AND WASHINGTON, D.C., WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN -- OUR COMPANY HAS BEEN GIVEN AWARDS FOR THIS EFFORT. AND SO AGAIN WE WANT TO BRING THAT FORWARD TO YOU AND MAKE THIS A SUCCESS. IN CLOSING, I WOULD SIMPLY SAY THAT GIVEN THE EXPERIENCE I HAD WITH THE DART SYSTEM UP IN DALLAS, IT'S PRETTY CLEAR TO ME THAT THE CITY HAS POSITIONED ITSELF WITH RESPECT TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ORDINANCE YOU PASSED LAST YEAR, THE RELEASE OF THIS SOLICITATION TO BE IN A POSITION TO BE RESPONSIVE TO WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO SEE IN TERMS OF DEVELOPER INTEREST AS THESE STATIONS BEGIN TO COME ONLINE AHEAD OF THE GAME. SO YOU'RE NOT IN A REACTIVE MODE AFTER THINGS ARE IN OPERATION. AND I'D BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU HAVE.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. QUESTIONS? COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN.

McCracken: TOM, I WANTED TO ASK YOU, ON PAGE 8 WHEN YOU CITE YOUR RECORD OF TOP PROJECT SUCCESS AND IT

SHOWED THAT SOME OF THESE PROJECTS HAD EITHER LOW, MEDIUM OR HIGH FOCUS ON FINANCIAL STRATEGY, REGULATORY PLAN AND THOSE CRITERIA, WHAT IS YOUR VISION OF HOW THAT BREAKS OUT HERE IN AUSTIN?

AT THIS POINT WE'VE NOT ENTERED INTO ANY KIND OF DISCUSSION OR NEGOTIATION WITH THE CITY. I THINK WHAT WE WANT TO DO IS WORK WITH YOU AND THE STAFF AND BE ABLE TO TAKE THIS AS FAR AS WE CAN. BUT WE'RE PREPARED TO ADDRESS AND WE HAVE THE TEAM MEMBERS TO BE ABLE TO ADDRESS FINANCIAL STRATEGY AND MARKET STRATEGY AND REGULATORY STRATEGY. >>

McCracken: I WOULD JUST SAY, START OFF SEEING SOME OF THE SUCCESSFUL -- THE MANY SUCCESSFUL PROJECTS YOU'VE WORKED ON THAT WILL PROBABLY NEED TO HAVE A HIGH FOCUS ON MOST IF NOT ALL OF THESE AS WELL. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE'VE DONE RAIL MASS TRANSIT IN CENTRAL TEXAS AND GETTING THE LAND USE PLANNING AS YOU'VE IDENTIFIED IN THE CODES, AND THE DEVELOPMENT AROUND THE STATIONS RIGHT AT THE FRONT END IS CRITICAL TO THE SUCCESS OF THIS AND CAN MAKE A BIG POSITIVE DIFFERENCE. WHAT IS YOUR EXPECTATION OF THE TIME FRAME IN WHICH WE'LL HAVE FINAL CODES AND REGULATING PLANS COME BACK TO US?

THE SCHEDULE THAT WAS IN THE SOLICITATION WAS AS I RECALL I THINK 12 TO 18 MONTHS IN TIME FRAME. SO WHAT WE HAVE DONE IS WE HAVE KIND OF GROUPED THESE. THERE'S A NUMBER OF STATIONS THAT ARE OF INTEREST. AND SO WE'VE GROUPED THEM INTO SECTIONS. WE MIGHT TAKE THREE AT A TIME. WE COULD BE FAR ALONG AT THE FIRST SET, IF THERE'S A PRIORITIZED SET AFTER THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OR SO.

McCracken: ALL RIGHT. AND FINALLY I WANT TO JUST SAY THAT THIS WILL KIND OF INVOLVE A LOT OF COLLABORATION OUGHT WAY AROUND. WE HAVE A LOT OF GREAT SOPHISTICATION IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS THAT HAVE DONE FANTASTIC WORK ON DESIGN STANDARDS AND ENVISION CENTRAL TEXAS. WE HAVE A LOT OF TALENT IN OUR COMMUNITY, BECOMING MORE FAMILIAR WITH THIS DEVELOPMENT. AND WE'RE EVEN DEVELOPING THIS

EXPERTISE IN THE CITY, A BUNCH OF US HERE IN THIS ROOM TODAY ARE GOING TO BE GOING FOR THE CONGRESS OF NEW URBANISM NEXT WEEK, INCLUDING OUR NEW URBANNIST TRANSPORTATION ENGINEER WITH PUBLIC WORKS. AND NOT MANY CITIES CAN SAY THAT THEY HAVE A CNU MEMBER IN THEIR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND I THINK IT'S FANTASTIC AND I THINK IN OUR PLANNING DEPARTMENT WE HAVE A LOT. I'M VERY OPTIMISTIC AND REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU. THANKS A LOT.

Thomas: MAYOR, IF YOU DON'T MIND.

Mayor Wynn: MAYOR PRO TEM.

Thomas: ON YOUR PROVEN RECORD OF T.O.D. RECORD SUCCESS, YOU SAID IN AUSTIN HOWARD LANE? ANY REASON WHY YOU PICKED HOWARD LANE?

WE WANTED TO MENTION HOWARD LANE BECAUSE WE ARE -  
- WE'RE IN THE BEGINNING STAGES WITH CAPITAL METRO HELPING THEM OUT ON THAT PROJECT. SO IT'S SIMPLY A STATEMENT THAT WE HAVE BECOME MORE FAMILIAR WITH THE DYNAMICS HERE AND WORKING ON THAT PROJECT. SO IT'S AGAIN A WORK IN PROGRESS.

Thomas: WITH CAPITAL METRO?

YES.

Thomas: THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ.

Alvarez: A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS. VERY IMPRESSIVE LIST OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS AS WELL AS YOUR BACKGROUND, THE WORK YOU'VE DONE THROUGHOUT YOUR CAREER. I CERTAINLY WANT TO THANK PARSONS BRINKERHOFF FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE SOLICITATION AND SUBMITTING SUCH A STRONG PROPOSAL. I NOTICED THAT IN THIS CHART THAT SPEAKS TO PROVEN RECORD ON T.O.D. PROJECT SUCCESS YOU DO LIST THAT THERE ARE SOME WHERE AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS A BIG ISSUE OR AN IMPORTANT COMPONENT OR

EMPHASIS, AND YOU'VE PROBABLY GATHERED BY READING THE NEWSPAPER THAT THERE'S SEVERAL T.O.D.'S THAT HAVE BEEN -- T.O.D. DISTRICTS WHERE THIS IS GOING TO BE A PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT ISSUE, IF NOT ALL THE T.O.D. DISTRICTS. I THINK AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS A HUGE ISSUE FOR US GENERALLY, BUT IN AREAS JUST EAST OF TOWN WHERE WE'VE SEEN VERY STARK INCREASES IN APPRAISED VALUES AND THE TAX PAYMENTS THAT THE HOMEOWNERS HAVE TO MAKE. THERE'S A CONCERN ABOUT HOW THESE KIND OF DEVELOPMENTS WOULD AFFECT THE FOWRKT OF THOSE NEIGHBORHOOD -- THE AFFORDABILITY OF THOSE NEIGHBORHOODS. CAN YOU SPEAK ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCES IN OTHER CITIES WHERE THIS MAY HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS AN ISSUE AND HOW HAVE YOU DEALT WITH QUESTIONS OF DENSITY AND AFFORDABILITY IN TERMS OF -- AS A RESPONSE TO COMMUNITY CONCERN, COMMUNITY INPUT?

I'D BE HAPPY TO CERTAINLY. AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND COMMENTS. IT'S NOT A STRAIGHTFORWARD ISSUE. IT'S SOMETHING THAT IS GOING TO TAKE SOME EFFORT TO MAKE IT ALL WORK. IT RELATES TO MARKET AND MARKET AVAILABILITY. IN TERMS OF AREAS WHERE YOU'RE STARTING WITH LET'S SAY A CLEAN SLATE WHERE YOU DON'T REALLY HAVE A LOT OF THE LAND THAT'S BEEN DEVELOPED AND IT'S OF INTEREST TO THE COMMUNITY AND TO THE COUNCIL, IF THE MARKET IS STRONG FOR THAT, THEN IT'S VERY EASY TO DO. IF THE MARKET IS NOT AS STRONG FOR THAT, YET IT'S STILL SOMETHING THAT IS OF INTEREST, THEN IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY FOR -- AND WE'VE SEEN THIS, AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE CITY TO ESSENTIALLY ENTER INTO PERHAPS A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP WITH THE DEVELOPER TO DO THE KIND OF THINGS TO ENCOURAGE THAT KIND OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING. IN AREAS THAT ARE ALREADY FAIRLY DEVELOPED, YOU REALLY WANT TO WORK TOWARDS RECOGNIZING WHAT THE COMMUNITY THAT'S THERE WANTS AND WANTS TO PRESERVE, AND MAKE SURE THAT VOICE IS HEARD. AND TO THE EXTENT THAT AGAIN THERE CAN BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING, IT'S A FUNCTION OF WORKING WITH THAT COMMUNITY AND WORKING WITH MARKET FORCES AND PERHAPS AGAIN WORKING ON

PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS WITH DEVELOPERS TO BRING THAT FORWARD.

Alvarez: AND HAVE YOU SEEN -- I GUESS MOVING -- AS THESE T.O.D. DISTRICTS OR AREAS HAVE DEVELOPED, AGAIN, DIFFERENT CITIES, BEING ABLE TO ACHIEVE DIFFERENT LEVELS OF AFFORDABILITY, 10% OF THE UNITS AT AN AFFORDABLE LEVEL, 10% OR 20% OR 30%. HAVE YOU SEEN THE WHOLE SPECTRUM OF OUTCOMES OR IS THERE A PARTICULAR ONE WHERE THERE HAS BEEN A VERY GOOD OUTCOME IN TERMS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING?

IT'S A WIDE WIDE SPECTRUM, IT IS. IT'S POSSIBLE AND IT CAN HAPPEN AS LONG AS THERE'S ENOUGH COOPERATION FROM THE THREE KEY PARTIES, WHICH IS THE CITY, THE DEVELOPER AND THE COMMUNITY. BUT WE HAVE SEEN IT HAPPEN. >>

Alvarez: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MAYOR MAY THANK

Mayor Wynn:, THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER. FURTHER QUESTIONS? THANK YOU VERY MUCH, TOM.

THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ.

Alvarez: I DID HAVE A QUESTION FOR STAFF BECAUSE I HADN'T HAD A CHANCE TO ASK IT THROUGH THE AGENDA PROCESS. BUT AS WE KNOW, WE HAVE THE SALTILLO DISTRICT MASTER PLANNING PROCESS THAT'S UNDERWAY FOR THE 11 ACRES THAT'S OWNED BY CAPITAL METRO. I WAS JUST CURIOUS ABOUT HOW THE WORK -- PARSONS IS GOING TO BE DOING AND IT RELATES TO THAT BECAUSE OBVIOUSLY THAT'S JUST ONE PORTION OF THAT T.O.D. DISTRICT. MY ASSUMPTION IS THAT THEY FOCUS ON THE REMAINING PART OF THAT T.O.D. DISTRICT AND PLANNING AND DEVELOPING PARAMETERS FOR THAT DEVELOPMENT. BUT I JUST WAS WONDERING IF YOU COULD EXPLAIN HOW THAT WOULD WORK BECAUSE I WAS CURIOUS MYSELF ABOUT IF WE HAVE ROMA DOING PART OF IT AND PARSONS DOING ANOTHER PART, HOW EXACTLY THAT'S ALL GOING TO

FIT TOGETHER.

THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER. GEORGE ADAMS WITH NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT. AS MR. RIDEN MENTIONED, WE HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE TO SIT DOWN WITH PB AND TALK ABOUT THESE ISSUES IN DETAIL. I CAN ONLY PRESENT MY PERSPECTIVE ON THIS, BUT I THINK WE CERTAINLY WANT TO HONOR THE WORK THAT HAS GONE INTO DEVELOPING THE MASTER PLAN FOR THE 11-ACRE PROPERTY. AT THE SAME TIME, WE WANT TO -- IF THERE ARE WAYS TO IMPROVE THAT MASTER PLAN AND GET IT CLOSER TO A SOLUTION THAT MEETS THE DESIRES OF ALL THE PARTIES INVOLVED, I THINK WE WOULD CERTAINLY HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO THAT. AND I THINK THE STATION AREA PLANNING PROCESS ALSO WILL BRING FORWARD SOME ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT WILL HELP US TO LOOK AT THOSE SORTS OF ISSUES, ESPECIALLY IN TERMS OF THE AFFORDABILITY ISSUE THAT WE WILL HAVE UPDATED MARKET INFORMATION, WE WILL HAVE THE AFFORDABILITY ANALYSIS THAT WON'T BE DONE BY PB, BUT WILL BE DONE BY DIANA McIEFER AND ASSOCIATES AND WE'LL BRING THAT TO BEAR IN LOOKING AT NOT ONLY THE 11 ACRES, BUT THE SURROUNDING AREA AS WELL.

Alvarez: BUT WE KIND OF SEE THEM -- IS THIS ONE OF THE T.O.D. DISTRICTS WHERE THEY MIGHT BE ASKED TO DO MORE UP FRONT OR LESS BECAUSE OF THE INVOLVEMENT OF ROMA IN THE SALTILLO DISTRICT?

I THINK THERE'S -- I THINK THE SHORT ANSWER IS YES. AND WE HAVE A NUMBER OF DISTRICTS WHERE WE HAVE SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES, IN ADDITION TO SALTILLO WE HAVE THE CRESTVIEW STATION PROPERTY WHICH IS ON THE HOLD HUNTSMAN TRACT WHERE THE DEVELOPERS ARE WELL ALONG IN THEIR PROCESS OF -- AND WHAT WE'VE SIGN TO DATE HAS BEEN VERY CONSISTENT WITH THE GOALS OF THE T.O.D. ORDINANCE. SO I THINK THE SHORT ANSWER IS YES.

Alvarez: THAT MAY BE A FOCUS ON THESE MORE URBANIZED, I GUESS, AREAS OR T.O.D. DISTRICTS?

ARE YOU ASKING IN TERMS OF PRIORITIZING --

Alvarez: I'M TRYING TO GET A SENSE ARE WE GOING TO PRIORITIZE THOSE BEFORE THE ONES WHERE THERE'S I GUESS MORE UNDEVELOPED LAND? I CAN SEE AN ARGUMENT FOR GOING EITHER WAY BECAUSE THE ONES THAT HAVE A LOT OF UNDEVELOPED LAND WOULD BE A LOT EASIER TO DO SOME PLANNING AND TO SET DEVELOPMENT PARAMETERS, BUT ALSO WE'RE SEEING A LOT OF DEVELOPMENT AROUND THESE THREE KIND OF IN THE MORE URBAN CORE, SO I WAS JUST CURIOUS ABOUT HOW WE'RE GOING TO APPROACH THAT BECAUSE THEY'RE BOTH - - THERE'S IMPORTANT REASONS WHY WE SHOULD MOVE QUICKLY ON EITHER OF THOSE DIFFERENT SCENARIOS.

ONCE AGAIN, WE HAVEN'T HAD THOSE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE RECOMMENDED CONSULTANT, BUT -- AND WE HAVEN'T MADE ANY FIRM DECISIONS IN TERMS OF WHAT THE PRIORITIES ARE, BUT WE CAN CERTAINLY -- WOULD CERTAINLY TAKE THAT INTO CONSIDERATION, AND IF IT'S THE DESIRE OF THE COUNCIL TO PRIORITIZE SALTILLO, WE COULD MAKE THAT HAPPEN. THERE IS -- I'VE BEEN PLEASANTLY SURPRISED THAT THERE'S AN AWFUL LOT OF INTEREST IN ALL OF THE STATION AREAS, SO THERE'S A LOT OF DEVELOPMENT UNDER CONSIDERATION IN ALL OF THOSE AREAS.

Alvarez: ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN.

McCracken: I WAS GOING TO SPEAK ON A DIFFERENT ITEM.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS REGARDING ITEM 36? THANK YOU. COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN.

McCracken: ITEM 59 IS REALLY THE NEXT STEP ON SOMETHING THAT WE DID AS A COUNCIL LAST YEAR WHEN AUSTIN BECAME THE FIRST CITY IN THE NATION THAT REQUIRES THE ADDITION OF A PHARMACY CONTRACT THAT THAT PHARMACY COMPANY AGREED TO A NO REFUSALS POLICY TO FILL THE PRESCRIPTIONS ON THE SPOT WITHOUT

DELAY, WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION. AND IN THAT INSTANCE, WALGREEN'S, WHO WE DID THE CONTRACT WITH THE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, AGREED, BUT ONLY FOR THE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. AND WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY NOW TO MAKE SURE THAT WE PROVIDE THESE SAME PROTECTIONS BUILT INTO OUR CITY HEALTH INSURANCE CONTRACT FOR THE 10,000 PLUS PEOPLE WHO ARE PART OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM. AND THIS WOULD -- WHAT THAT WOULD ENTAIL IS WE'VE BEEN WORKING WITH HR WITH KATHY ROGERS TO ENSURE THAT AS WE SOLICIT THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FROM COMPANIES THAT ARE GOING TO PROVIDE OUR PHARMACY SERVICES SO YOU SHOW YOUR PHARMACY CARD AND YOU GET YOUR PRESCRIPTION FOR 20 BUCKS, THAT ANY COMPANY THAT WANTS TO DO BUSINESS WITH THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND GET THE BENEFITS OF OUR 10,000 PERSON PLUS INSURANCE PROGRAM, THAT THEY NEED A NO REFUSALS POLICY IN PLACE IN THE SAME POLICY THAT WE REACH WITH WALGREEN'S AND THE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. THE PHARMACY SHOULD BE A POLITICS-FREE ZONE. IT SHOULD BE A PLACE WHERE YOUR PHARMACIST DOESN'T PUSH POLITICS ON YOU AND INSTEAD JUST FILLS YOUR PRESCRIPTION. AND THAT'S -- ALL EMPLOYEES IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN ON OUR HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM SHOULD BE ENTITLED TO THE SAME BENEFITS. AND RIGHT NOW WHEN SOME OF THESE COMPANIES, SUCH AS TARGET AND WALGREEN'S, WHEN THEY SAY THAT SOME PEOPLE CAN BE SUBJECTED TO POLITICS AND REFUSALS FOR THINGS LIKE BIRTH CONTROL, EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION AND EVEN HAVE ISSUES WHERE YOU HAVE THE TOM CRUISE CROWD TRYING TO PROHIBIT PRESCRIPTIONS FOR DEPRESSION MEDICATION, THAT YOU NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN THAT ALL OF OUR EMPLOYEES ARE ENTITLED TO THE SAME RANGE OF BENEFITS AND TO THE SAME LEVEL OF BENEFITS IN A FAIR, EQUAL SYSTEM. THE FINAL MESSAGE WE'LL TAKE TO THIS RFP AS WE GO FORWARD IS IF YOU WANT TO DO BUSINESS WITH THE CITY OF AUSTIN, THERE'S ONLY ONE THING YOU HAVE TO DO, AND THAT IS DO YOUR JOB. AND IF YOU WILL DO YOUR JOB AND FILL THE PRESCRIPTION, YOU CAN DO BUSINESS WITH THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND WE'LL HAVE A GREAT SYSTEM. I'M SURE WE

WILL GIVE THE PHARMACY CHANGE AND BE JUST AS GOOD AS CVS NATIONALLY.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER COMMENTS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA? WE HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND ON THE TABLE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS READ EARLIER. >>

McCracken: AS WE ENSURE EQUAL TREATMENT AND HEALTH BENEFITS, WE HAVE ITEM 60 ALSO FROM MYSELF AND COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLEY AND COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL, AND THAT IS TO FURTHER ENSURE EQUAL ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE IN OUR WORKFORCE, AND THAT IS WHEN THE CITY OF AUSTIN VOTERS, 68% OF US HERE IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN VOTED THAT WE WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE REMOVED DISCRIMINATION IN OUR CITY CHARTER AND TO MAKE SURE IT WAS POSSIBLE FOR CITY EMPLOYEES TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL BENEFITS, INCLUDING FOR DOMESTIC PARTNERS OF CITY EMPLOYEES. WE ALSO HAVE HAD A LOT OF INTEREST IN A PLUS-ONE SYSTEM FOR HEALTH INSURANCE THAT IS A MODEL VERY CLOSELY ON TRAVIS COUNTY'S VERY SUCCESSFUL 12-YEAR PLUS PROGRAM FOR PLUS-ONE. SO THIS ITEM SIMPLY DIRECTS THE CITY MANAGER TO COME BACK TO US AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE WITH A PLAN TO IMPLEMENT WHATEVER TYPE OF PLUS-ONE ARRANGEMENT THE COUNCIL ELECTS TO, BUT GIVE US A RANGE OF COSTS AND IMPLEMENTATION DATES ON THIS. AND I GUESS TOBY, IF YOU COULD GIVE US AN INITIAL RUNDOWN OF WHERE WE ARE ON THAT. >>

Futrell: TODAY WHEN YOU ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF YOUR POLICY DISCUSSION ON THE BUDGET, WE WILL HAVE SOME INFORMATION ON COST FOR THE DIFFERENT PROPOSALS THAT ARE OUT THERE IN TERMS OF THE SCOPE OF HOW THE COUNCIL SETS ITS POLICY ON COVERAGE. SO THAT'S A STARTING PLACE TODAY. IN ADDITION, THERE ARE ELEMENTS OF SCOPE THAT WE CAN IMPLEMENT FASTER THAN OTHERS. ONE THING WE CAN DO IS IF YOU WOULD LIKE AN ITEM TO COME BACK, I COULD LAY OUT FOR YOU ELEMENTS THAT YOU COULD PUT IN FASTER THAN OTHERS AND EVEN CONFIRM EARLIER IN THE BUDGET DISCUSSION WHAT THAT SCOPE IS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE. THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR US IN DEVELOPING THE BUDGET TO NOT

BE GUESSING, BUT TO KNOW THE POLICY DECISION ON THE COUNCIL ON SCOPE. ONE, WE COULD DEFINE SCOPE EARLY, AND TWO, IT IS POSSIBLE TO IMPLEMENT PIECES OF THE SCOPE EARLIER THAN OTHERS. TYPICALLY INSURANCE CHANGES HAPPEN IN JANUARY, SO THE COUNCIL MAKES A DECISION IN THE BUDGET IN EARLY SEPTEMBER, AND DURING THE NEXT QUARTER WE WORK WITH THE INSURANCE COMPANIES, DO ELIGIBILITY, IEN-UP, INFORMATION WITH EMPLOYEES AND I AM IMPLEMENT IN JANUARY. BUT BASED ON YOUR DESIRE WE COULD BRING IN SOME PIECES OF THIS EARLIER.

McCracken: I THINK MY UNDERSTANDING, AND I THINK COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL SPEAKS TO THIS AS WELL IS THAT YOU'LL BRING BACK TO US HERE'S HOW THE PLUS-ONE SYSTEM CAN LOOK IN COST. YOU GIVE US DIRECTION ON HOW YOU WANT TO IMPLEMENT IT AND WE CAN SAY TO YOU LET'S IMPLEMENT PLUS ONE AND IMPLEMENT IT AS FAST AS POSSIBLE, WHICH MEANS THAT SOME PORTIONS MAY GO FASTER THAN OTHERS. BUT YOU WILL COME BACK TO THIS IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS?

ACTUALLY, YOU'LL HEAR COST INFORMATION AND OPTIONS TONIGHT IN YOUR DISCUSSION TONIGHT ON THE BUDGET. AND THEN BASED ON THAT I CAN BRING BACK AN ITEM THAT WILL MIRROR THE CONVERSATION WE HEAR TONIGHT FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND WE COULD DO THAT AS EARLY AS JUNE 8TH OR THE 22nd.

AS EARLY AS JANUARY 8TH? [ LAUGHTER ]

UNLIKE KATHY, IT'S ONE WEEK EARLY.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL.

Leffingwell: YEAH, I WOULD CERTAINLY BE WILLING TO ENTERTAIN A PHASING CONCEPT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR VARIOUS GROUPS AND I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR YOUR REPORT ON THAT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. AND ALSO I WOULD STRONGLY ASSOCIATE MYSELF WITH THE REMARKS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN ON BOTH PREVIOUS ITEMS. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: SO FURTHER COMMENTS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA?

Thomas: JUST ONE.

Mayor Wynn: MAYOR PRO TEM.

Thomas: THIS IS TO THE CITY MANAGER. THE INFORMATION THAT YOU'RE GOING TO BRING IN THE PROPOSAL THIS EVENING ON YOUR BUDGET, WHEN DID YOU HAVE THAT INFORMATION?

Futrell: SOME OF THE DATA HAS BEEN THERE -- IN FACT, WE ANSWERED A COUNCIL QUESTION EARLIER WITHIN THE LAST COUPLE OF WEEKS, MAYBE EVEN LONGER THAN THAT. IT'S BASICALLY A REHASH OF THAT DATA. IT'S THE THREE OR FOUR DIFFERENT OPTIONS LOOKING AT SCOPE AND SOME PRELIMINARY COST ESTIMATES ON THAT SCOPE OF WORK.

Thomas: TWO WEEKS AGO?

Futrell: KATHY -- IT MAY BE EVEN LONGER THAN THAT. KATHY, WHEN DID WE FIRST CONVEY? WE'VE DONE -- WHILE KATHY IS COMING UP, IN ORDER TO TRY TO GET AT THE COSTS WE'VE DONE THREE THINGS, WE'VE USED OUR OUTSIDE HEALTH INSURANCE ACTUARY TO GET INFORMATION, WE TOOK A LOOK AT THE COUNTY EXPERIENCE, AND ANYONE ELSE IN THE COMMUNITY WHO HAS LIKE PROGRAMS. AND THEN WE DID SOME NATIONAL RESEARCH. AND BETWEEN THOSE THREE THINGS WE TRIED TO COME UP WITH A PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE. KATHY? FRTION.

THESE ARE THE ESTIMATES WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT SINCE IT WAS FIRST TALKED ABOUT BY COUNCIL. SO WE'VE HAD THEM FOR A MONTH, MONTH AND A HALF. >>

Futrell: SO FOUR WEEKS OR BETTER.

Thomas: SO WHY IS IT THAT I NEVER GOT THAT INFORMATION?

Futrell: I'M SORRY, SAY IT AGAIN? >>

Thomas: THE INFORMATION SHE'S HAD FOR A MONTH AND I THINK I ASKED ACROSS THE DAIS BEFORE THE MAY 13TH --

I THOUGHT THAT INFORMATION HAD BEEN SENT TO ALL THE COUNCILMEMBERS.

Thomas: I NEVER RECEIVED THAT. AND I ASKED ALSO THAT ON A LETTERHEAD FROM EACH INSURANCE COMPANY HOW MUCH IT WOULD COST.

ACTUALLY, WE RESPONDED TO THAT REQUEST AND WE HAD A THING FROM UNITED HEALTH AND ALSO FROM BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD ON THEIR LETTERHEAD THAT WAS SENT OUT.

Futrell: MAYOR PRO TEM, WHAT I'LL DO, I'LL GET A COPY OF HOW IT WAS TRANSMITTED AND WHAT THE DATE WAS ON THAT TRANSMISSION. UNLESS WE'RE WRONG ON THAT.

NO, I REMEMBER SEEING IT.

Thomas: YOU REMEMBER SEEING IT, BUT I DIDN'T GET IT. [ONE MOMENT, PLEASE, FOR CHANGE IN CAPTIONERS]

Thomas: I READ THE ARTICLE IN THE AUSTIN AMERICAN-STATESMAN, ALSO, DIDN'T GO INTO THE DETAILS. SOME OF THE DETAILS. SOME OF THE QUESTIONS OF THE CITIZENS THAT CAME FORWARD IN THE CITIZENS COMMUNICATION, THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING, WE DIDN'T GO INTO TOTAL DETAIL. NOW WE ARE GOING TO COME BACK THIS EVENING GO INTO TOTAL DETAILS BEFORE THE VOTERS HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A DECISION. THAT'S ALL THAT I HAVE TO SAY, THANK YOU.

WE DO HAVE AVAILABLE THE CONSULTANT TODAY TO TRY TO ANSWER METHODOLOGY QUESTIONS IN MORE DETAIL.

[INDISCERNIBLE] IS HERE. UH-HUH.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU ALL, FURTHER COMMENTS, QUESTIONS? AGAIN WE HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND ON THE TABLE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS READ

EARLIER. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY.

AYE. AYE.

Wynn: OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 7-0, THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. SO, COUNCIL, EARLIER WE HAD -- COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ PULLED OFF THE CONSENT AGENDA A NUMBER OF ITEMS THAT -- THAT HE IS SUPPORTIVE OF BRINGING FORWARD.

Alvarez: THANKS, MAYOR, I COULDN'T RESIST THE OPPORTUNITY TO COME DOWN AND MAKE A PRESENTATION FROM THIS PODIUM HERE.

Mayor Wynn: FOLKS, IF YOU COULD TAKE YOUR CONVERSATIONS OUT INTO THE FOYER, WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT. WE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE COUNCIL BUSINESS. WE HAVE A LARGE MAP, MAYOR, THAT'S PART OF THE REASON I WANTED TO PRESENT FROM OVER HERE, FACE THE COUNCIL. MAYOR, I WANT TO THANK THE COUPLE FOR LETTING ME TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO TALK ABOUT THE COMBINATION OF PROPOSALS HERE THAT WE HAVE BEFORE THE COUNCIL TO WHICH WE REFER TO AS THE -- AS THE CREATION OF THE TRAIL OF TEJANO LEGENDS. IMPORTANT MUSICIANS WHO CONTRIBUTED A LOT TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR MUSIC SCENE. MANY, MANY DECADES AGO, IN THE 40s AND 50s, MAINLY THE FOLKS WHO ARE PROPOSED TO BE HONORED TODAY. BUT I WANTED TO JUST FIRST READ A LITTLE PASSAGE FROM THE -- FROM THE REPORT PREPARED BY TEXAS PERSPECTIVES ABOUT THE ROLE OF MUSIC IN AUSTIN. AS THE SELF PROCLAIMED LIVE MUSIC CAPITAL OF THE WORLD, THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT MUSIC IS A DEFINING ELEMENT OF AUSTIN'S CULTURE. MUSIC IS ALMOST EVERYWHERE IN AUSTIN, ANY GIVEN WEEKEND OR WEEKDAY NIGHT, WE CAN SELECT FROM LITERALLY DOZENS OF LIVE SHOWS THAT WE COULD ATTEND COVERING THE THE FULL SPECTRUM OF MUSICAL GENRES. WE RECOGNIZE THE ROLE PROVIDING MUSIC BY LOCAL ARTISTS AT THE AIRPORT, FUNDING A CABLE ACCESS CHANNEL DEVOTED SPIRAL TO LOCAL MUSIC, ADMINISTERING A LOAN PROGRAM SPECIFICALLY FOR THE MUSIC INDUSTRY. MUSIC AND THE ARTS HAVE BECOME A MAJOR ELEMENT IN TOURISM. THE ARTS IN OVERALL

ECONOMIC PLANNING AND ARE INCREASING SOUTHED BY THOSE -- TOUTED BY THOSE SEEKING TO RECRUIT AND RETAIN FIRMS IN AUSTIN MUCH EVEN SINCE THIS REPORT WAS WRITTEN, WE HAVE ADDED THE LIVE FROM THE PLAZA CONCERT SERIES, AS WELL AS A LATINO MUSIC MONTH FESTIVITIES, ACTIVITIES THAT ARE HAPPENING DURING THE MONTH OF MAY, SO I DO WANT TO THANK THE CITY MANAGER AND EVERYONE INVOLVED WITH OUR -- WITH OUR ECONOMIC REDEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT, OUR CULTURAL AFFAIRS DIVISION FOR HELPING WITH THESE, BUT KIND OF AN INTERESTING THING THAT I HAVE NOTICED, I GOT ON THE COUNCIL, IS THAT WE DO A LOT TO SUPPORT THE LOCAL INDUSTRY, BUT -- BUT REALLY HAVEN'T DONE MUCH TO ROSE THE CONTRIBUTION OF IMPORTANT MUSICIANS, YOU KNOW, OR MUSICIANS WHO HAVE MADE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MUSIC SCENE HERE IN AUSTIN. AND ALL WE COULD REALLY THINK OF WAS SPECIFICALLY THE STEVIE RAY VAUGHN STATUE, BUT ABOUT FOUR TO SIX MONTHS AGO YOU WILL RECALL WE ACTUALLY DID NAME OUR FIRST PUBLIC FACILITY FOR A MUSICIAN AND THAT WAS THE PAVILION AT -- AT GIVENS IN HONOR OF MARTIN BANKS. AND I THOUGHT THAT WAS A GREATAMOMENT IN THE -- A GREAT MOMENT WHERE WE ACTUALLY NAMED OUR FIRST PUBLIC FACILITY FOR A MUSICIAN, AND WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON FOR THE LAST FOUR TO FIVE YEARS ON DEVELOPING THE MUSIC GARDEN TO ALSO RECOGNIZE IMPORTANT MUSICIANS IN THE -- IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MUSIC HERE IN AUSTIN. AND SO THE COUNCIL HAS ALSO SHOWN ITS SUPPORT IN THAT REGARD. BUT WE ALSO HAVE BROUGHT FORWARD THIS -- THIS PROPOSAL WORKING TOGETHER WITH THE AUSTIN LATINO MUSIC ASSOCIATION THAT WOULD CREATE A TRAIL ALONG TOWN LAKE ESSENTIALLY FROM THE MEXICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER ALMOST ALL THE WAY TO THE MUSIC GARDEN, IT IDENTIFIES SEVERAL MUSICIANS AND -- TO BE HONORED, I WILL TALK ABOUT THAT IN A LITTLE BIT BECAUSE THERE'S BEEN A LONG PROCESS FOR OBTAINING PUBLIC INPUT ABOUT THESE PROPOSALS FOR NAMING CITY FACILITIES. AND -- AND WE STARTED THE PROCESS IN -- IN JANUARY 25th, ROUGHLY, I THINK THE LAST MEETING IN JANUARY, AND SO NOW THIS IS FINALLY COME BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL FOR ACTION AFTER IT WENT TO THE MEXICAN

AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER ADVISORY BOARD ON A COUPLE OF OCCASIONS AND ALSO TO THE PARK BOARDS LAND AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE AND ALSO NOW THE -- THE FULL PARKS BOARD JUST ABOUT A MONTH AGO. AND THIS IS A -- THE FINAL STOP AND THERE'S BEEN SOME CHANGES TO THE PROPOSAL THAT I WANTED TO TALK ABOUT. BUT I WOULD NOTE THAT THROUGHOUT THAT TIME WE HAVE ALSO RECEIVED A LOT OF -- OF LETTERS OF SUPPORT AND I'LL GRAB THAT -- [INDISCERNIBLE] WE HAVE OVER 600 -- ABOUT 600 TO 650 LETTERS OF SUPPORT IN TERMS OF HARD COPY LETTERS OR -- AND E-MAILS AS WELL IN SUPPORT OF THE PROJECT AND YOU KNOW I CAN HONESTLY SAY IT'S -- THE PROJECT THAT'S RECEIVED THE MOST SUPPORT OR MOST INTEREST IN THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY IN THE SIX YEARS THAT I HAVE BEEN ON THE CITY COUNCIL, BUT MAINLY BECAUSE OF -- OF HOW IMPORTANT MUSIC IS TO OUR CULTURE, YOU KNOW, TO THE CULTURE OF THE CITY, BUT ALSO, YOU KNOW, TO THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY IN PARTICULAR, ESPECIALLY IN A TIME IN THE 40s AND 50s WHERE -- WHERE THERE WASN'T -- THERE WEREN'T TOO MANY OUTLETS FOR, YOU KNOW, WORKING FAMILIES AND MUSIC WAS A WAY TO -- TO DEAL WITH THE SITUATION AND TO CELEBRATE CULTURE AND TO CELEBRATE THE ACHIEVEMENT OF MEMBERS OF THAT PARTICULAR COMMUNITY HERE IN AUSTIN. AND SO I JUST WANT TO THANK EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THIS PROCESS, TOOK THE TIME TO ACTUALLY, YOU KNOW, FILL OUT THE LETTER AND MAIL IT IN. AND IN PARTICULAR I WANT TO THANK THE FAMILY OF ROY WHO EASILY I THINK SECURED HALF OF THE LETTERS ON BEHALF OF -- IN SUPPORT OF ROY. THAT BEING SAID I WANT YOU TO WALK THROUGH WHAT THE TRAIL LOOKED LIKE, A COUPLE OF THE CHANGES OF THE PUBLIC APPROVAL PROCESS, I'M GOING TO GRAB THIS WIRELESS MIC HERE. SO THIS HE IS -- THIS IS A MAP HERE THAT -- THAT SHOWS THE TOWN LAKE AREA FROM AN AREA JUST WEST OF I-35 OVER TOWARDS PLEASANT VALLEY. AND THE FACILITIES TO BE NAMED ARE THE -- THE PLAZA AT THE MEXICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER, RENAMING FESTIVAL BEACH ROAD, NAMING THE PARAGRAPH I DON'T KNOW AT FIESTA GARDENS, AND NAMING A -- A PIECE OF PARKLAND THAT WE WILL BE DEDICATING TODAY AS WELL AND THEN A SCENIC

OVERVIEW HERE AT CANTEBERRY AND PLEASANT VALLEY ROAD AND THIS MEDINA STREET PLAZA THAT THE COUNCIL ALSO ALLOCATED SOME FUNDING FOR WOULD ALSO BE PART OF THE TRAIL. AND FINALLY I DID JUST NOTE THAT THIS IS WHERE ZAPEDA MUSIC GARDEN IS, THEORETICALLY FOLKS THAT WANT TO WALK THE TRAIL CAN EITHER START OR END THE MUSIC GARDEN WHERE THERE WILL BE A LOT OF INFORMATION ABOUT OTHER AFRICAN-AMERICAN AND LATINO MUSICIANS THAT THEY CAN ALSO LEARN ABOUT. SO IT WAS A PROPOSAL AGAIN THAT -- THAT THE AUSTIN LATINO MUSIC ASSOCIATION PUT FORWARD AND I THOUGHT IT WAS A VERY IMPRESSIVE AND WOULD ADD A LOT TO OUR CULTURAL LANDSCAPE HERE IN AUSTIN. IT WOULD BE SOMETHING THAT WE COULD ALSO PROMOTE TO VISITORS TO OUR COMMUNITY WHO MAYBE DON'T KNOW OR ARE NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE LATINO ASPECT OF THE LOCAL MUSIC SCENE, EITHER CURRENTLY OR FROM A HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE. REAL QUICKLY IN TERMS OF THE PROPOSALS THAT ARE ON THE TABLE. I GUESS I'LL WORK MY WAY FROM UP HERE. THE MEDINA STREET PLAZA. IT'S NOT ACTUALLY A PLAZA RIGHT NOW, IT'S AN EMPTY PIECE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY OR UNDEVELOPED PIECE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY THAT COUNCIL DEVELOPED FUNDING FOR TO DEVELOP AS A PLAZA. THAT PARTICULAR FACILITY IS PROPOSED TO BE NAMED FOR MATT VELASQUEZ WHO WAS A BAND LEADER, 40s AND 50s, HIS BROTHER ROY WHO YOU KNOW AS THE FOUNDER OF ROY'S TAXI. WE DECIDED TO HONOR BOTH BROTHER, NOT JUST THE BAND LEADER, BECAUSE RIGHT NEXT DOOR TO THE PLAZA WAS ONE OF THE FORMER HOMES OF THE -- OF ROY'S TAXI ON THE VERATI BLOCK THAT WE REFER TO. SO THEY WERE HONORING A COUPLE OF FAMILY MEMBERS, REALLY THE VELASQUEZ FAMILY IN GENERAL. BEING COUNTERCLOCKWISE, THE PROPOSAL -- THE ORIGINAL PROPOSAL FOR THE MEXICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER WAS TO NAME THE FACILITIES ITSELF FOR THE PEREZ AND RAMOS FAMILIES, THOSE ARE THE FAMILIES OF RUBEN PEREZ AND EARNEST PEREZ, ALSO RAMOS, IN THE END THEY ARE ALL PEREZ BECAUSE THEIR GRANDFATHERS WERE PEREZ, BOTH FAMILIES, BUT BECAUSE IN PARTICULAR BECAUSE OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF RUBEN RAMOS AND ALPFONZO WE WANTED TO A MAKE SURE THAT THE RAMOS FAMILY WAS HIGHLIGHTED. THE MEXICAN AMERICAN

CULTURAL BOARD DID LOOK AT THIS. THEY HAD SOME RESERVATIONS ABOUT NAMING THE ENTIRE FACILITIES FOR THE FAMILIES, THEY RECOMMENDED NAMING THE GRAND PLAZA, A VERY PROMINENT FEATURE OF THE CENTER FOR THE FAMILIES INSTEAD AND THAT -- THAT PROPOSAL WAS ALSO SUPPORTED BY THE PARKS BOARD AND THAT IS WHAT I WOULD -- WHAT I WOULD MOVE THAT WE -- THAT WE ADOPT AS A COUNCIL, IS THAT PARTICULAR PROPOSAL TO NAME THE -- THE PLAZA FOR THE -- FOR THESE FAMILIES AND IN THE FUNDING ITEM TO ALLOCATE SOME MONEYS TO MAKE SURE THAT A PROPER TRIBUTE CAN BE INCLUDED IN THE PLAZA TO HONOR THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE PEREZ AND RAMOS FAMILIES. MOVING A LITTLE FURTHER EAST, FESTIVAL BEACH ROAD IS PROBABLY A ROAD ALL OF US HAVE TRAVELED FREQUENTLY. BECAUSE IT IS THE ROAD THAT -- THAT TRAVERSES FESTIVAL BEACH, TOWN LAKE FESTIVAL BEACH AND THIS -- THE PROPOSAL HERE IS TO NAME THAT ROAD FOR NASH HERNANDEZ, AGAIN WAS A BAND LEADER IN THE 40s AND 50s WHOSE ORCHESTRA CONTINUES TODAY UNDER THE DIRECTION OF HIS SON RUBEN HERNANDEZ, THE LONGEST STANDING BIG BAND IN AUSTIN. THEY ARE I THINK APPROACHING 60 YEARS NOW, NOT QUITE THERE BUT ALMOST. NASH HIMSELF LIVED NEAR HOLLY AND COMAL, SO IT'S ONLY A COUPLE OF BLOCKS FROM -- FROM WHERE THIS PARTICULAR ROAD LIES. AND ACTUALLY IS A ROAD THAT WAS -- THAT WAS CLEARLY TRAVERSED BY NORTH CAROLINA NASH HIMSELF MANY, MANY TIMES. NO COMPETING PROPOSALS I BELIEVE FOR THE NAMING OF THE ROAD. PAVILION AT -- AT FIESTA GARDENS, THAT'S A RELATIVELY NEW EDITION, I THINK IT'S ONLY ABOUT TWO YEARS OLD, THAT IS PROPOSED TO BE NAMED FOR JOHNNY DEL GALLADO, ONE OF OUR LOCAL CONJUNTO LEGENDS, HE'S BEEN HOSTING THE ANNUAL MUSIC FESTIVALS FOR 18 YEARS OR MORE ALREADY. WHEN I FIRST GOT ELECTED HE WAS RAUL WE NEED A PAVILION, TOO SUNNY, HARD FOR PEOPLE TO ENJOY THE MUSIC BECAUSE THERE'S NOT ENOUGH SHADE. HE PLANTED THE SEED, THREE OR FOUR YEARS LATER HE ACTUALLY BUILT THE PAVILION, I THINK IT'S APPROPRIATE THAT WE NAMED THAT AFTER THE PERSON WHO LAID THE -- PLANTED THE SEED IN TERMS OF THAT HAPPENING. THE OTHER FACILITY IN FIESTA GARDENS THAT WAS PROPOSED TO BE NAMED

WAS THE MEETING HALL ON THE EASTERN EDGE OF FIESTA GARDENS. YOU KNOW, IT DOESN'T REALLY HAVE A NAME AND SO -- SO I THINK IT'S REFERRED TO AS THE CLUBHOUSE AND THE CABANA AND FIESTA GARDENS EAST. SO -- SO I THOUGHT IT MADE SENSE TO NAME IT IN -- IN -- NOT JUST TO HONOR A PERSON BUT ALSO BECAUSE IT WOULD FACILITATE THE WAY WE REFERRED TO THIS HALL, MEETING HALL, BUT THERE WAS AN INTEREST IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND -- IN PRESERVING THAT STRUCTURE POSSIBLY FOR RECOGNIZING INDIVIDUALS IN THE COMMUNITY WHO WERE INVOLVED IN ESTABLISHING FIESTA GARDENS, WHO ADVOCATING FOR IMPROVING FACILITIES THERE, SO I THOUGHT THAT MADE SOME SENSE GIVEN THE HISTORY OF THIS AREA, THE HISTORY OF FIESTA GARDEN, THE IMPLICATIONS. OF THEIR INVOLVEMENT AND FEW TIMESFRUITS OF THEIR LABOR. INSTEAD DEDICATING A FEW OF THE LOTS OWNED BY AUSTIN ENERGY NEAR THE HOLLY POWER PLANT THAT THEY HAVE ACQUIRED THROUGHOUT -- THROUGH TIME AS THEY HAVE TRIED TO CREATE A BUFFER BETWEEN THE POWER PLANT AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD SO WHAT THIS WILL DO IS TAKE ABOUT FOUR SINGLE FAMILY LOTS, ANOTHER EXISTING LOT, THAT ARE CONTIGUOUS, CREATE A LITTLE POCKET PARK OUT OF THOSE. SO -- SO WHAT WE WOULD PROPOSE IN THE ALTERNATIVE, INSTEAD OF NAMING THE MEETING HALL FOR -- FOR MANUEL DONALLY IS TO NAME THIS PARK FOR MANUEL. BECAUSE OF THIS PROXIMITY TO THE POWER PLANT AND -- AND CONNECTION, THERE HAS BEEN AN INTEREST, YOU KNOW, FOR SEVERAL YEARS NOW TO HONOR MR. ROBERT DONALLY AS WELL. WHO WAS VERY ACTIVE IN -- IN THE EFFORT TO CLOSE THE POWER PLANT AND MAYOR PRO TEM THOMAS YOU KNOW HAS BEEN ADVOCATING FOR THAT VERY STRONGLY AND SO IT MADE SENSE LIKE WE DID WITH ROY AND MATT VALUE LESS VALUE LESS VELASQUEZ, IT MADE ACCEPTS TO MAME THIS MANLY PARK FOR BOTH, SO WE CAN HONOR BOTH THEIR LEGACIES AND THEIR COMMUNITY WORK IN THAT PARK. FINALLY, THERE'S A SCENIC OVERLOOK RIGHT HERE AT PLEASANT VALLEY AND CANTEBERRY STREET, REALLY EASY TO MISS BECAUSE -- BECAUSE IT -- IT -- YOU KNOW IT DOESN'T JUST STAND OUT. I THINK THAT ONE OF THE REASONS -- ONE OF THE REASONS WE -- I GOT -- I WAS ABLE TO THINK ABOUT THIS IDEA IS

BECAUSE AT TOWN LAKE TRAIL FOUNDATION WAS INTERESTED IN RAISING SOME MONEYS TO -- TO IMPROVE AND BEAUTIFY THAT SCENIC OVERLOOK AND WE GIVE THEM THE COUNCIL APPROVED A CONTRACT TO -- TO THE TOWN LAKE TRAIL FOUNDATION WHERE THEY WILL IMPROVE THAT - - THAT SCENIC OVERLOOK AND WHICH I THINK WILL ADD A LOT TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND -- WE ARE ALSO, WITH THIS PROPOSAL, PROPOSING TO NAME THIS AFTER ROY MONTELANGO, ANOTHER TEJANO MUSIC HALL OF NAME INDUCTEE WHO IS KNOWN ALL OVER THE STATES FOR HIS MUSICAL EXPLOITS. ONE OF THE OTHER WAYS TO IMPROVE IS IN HONOR OF ROY, THAT'S PART OF THE FUNDING PART OF THE ITEM THAT'S -- THAT'S UP FOR CONSIDERATION. BUT REALLY I THINK THAT'S REALLY THE OVERVIEW I WANTED TO PROVIDE. I KNOW THAT WE HAVE A LOT OF -- A LOT OF ITEMS THIS EVENING, REALLY HEAVY AGENDA IN TERMS OF -- OF THE BOND ISSUES IN THE PUBLIC HEARING AROUND OUR BOND PROPOSAL -- BOND PACKAGE. SO I WANTED US TO HAVE THIS DISCUSSION NOW. DURING THE PROCLAMATIONS PART OF THE MEETING, YOU KNOW, I HAVE ASKED THE FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY SUPPORTERS TO COME SO THAT WE CAN PRESENT THE -- THE ARTISTS OR THE FAMILIES WITH -- WITH A CERTIFICATE AND -- AND SO IT WOULD BE -- IT WOULD BE KIND OF A SHORTER PRESENTATION THAT HAPPENS AT 5:30 OR 6:00, BUT -- I WANTED TO RENT THIS IN CASE THERE WERE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE -- ABOUT THE COMMUNITY INPUT THAT LED TO SOME CHANGES IN THE PROPOSAL, BUT IT'S -- IT'S BEEN A GREAT EXPERIENCE, A LOT OF WORK TO -- FIRST OF ALL TO -- TO GATHER THE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION FOR ALL OF THESE ARTISTS, ONE THING THAT OBVIOUSLY COMES UP ANY TIME THAT YOU UNDERTAKE A PROCESS LIKE THIS IS -- WELL, WHAT ABOUT THIS ARTIST, WHAT ABOUT THIS MUSICIAN? WHY AREN'T THEY ON THE LIST? AND -- AND THERE ARE MANY FOLK WHO'S ARE WORTHY, YOU KNOW, TO BE INCLUDED IN THE TRAIL OF LEGENDS, THAT'S MAYBE SOMETHING THAT CAN HAPPEN IN THE FUTURE. BUT IT WAS REALLY HOW MUCH RESEARCH I COULD DO IN THE SPAN OF ABOUT A YEAR BEFORE THE PROCESS STARTED. JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT THE COUNCIL WAS AWARE THAT THERE WERE SEVERAL COMPETING NAMES FOR SOME OF THESE FACILITIES, BUT IN THE END THE PARKS BOARD DID

SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL AS -- AS A -- AS IT HAD BEEN PRESENTED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF NAMING THE PLAZA AT THE MAC VERSUS THE ENTIRE MAC FACILITIES FOR THOSE FAMILIES, BUT IT'S BEEN VERY WELL RECEIVED IN THE COMMUNITY. LIKE I SAID MANY LETTERS OF SUPPORT AND -- AND I THINK THAT -- THAT IT'S GOING TO BE SOMETHING THAT'S GOING TO BRING A LOT OF PRIDE TO OUR COMMUNITY. I WILL ENTERTAIN ANY QUESTIONS AT THIS TIME. THANK YOU, MAYOR.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ?  
COUNCILMEMBER KIM?

COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ, CAN YOU POINT OUT AGAIN THE LAND ADJACENT TO THE HOLLY PLANT THAT YOU WANT DEDICATED AS PARKLAND? IT'S ACTUALLY HARD TO SEE ON THIS PARTICULAR MAP. IF YOU KNOW WHERE THE BALL FIELDS ARE, WHERE THE GREATER EAST AUSTIN YOUTH LEAGUE HAS THEIR LEAGUE ACTIVITIES, THEIR GAMES, THEN RIVER VIEW STREET ACTUALLY DEAD ENDS INTO THE HOLLY POWER PLANT, THERE'S A BIG WALL THERE, BIG GATE. BEFORE YOU GET TO THE GATE GOING INTO THE POWER PLANT, THERE'S A -- THERE'S A -- A PART OF THE HIKE AND BIKE TRAIL THAT GOES ALONG THE EDGE OF THE HOLLY POWER PLANT. A LARGE WALL THAT YOU KIND OF JOG ALONGSIDE IT, THEN YOU COME OUT HERE AND HEAD OVER TOWARDS METS. METS RECREATION, METS PARK. ABOUT FOUR SINGLE FAMILY LOTS ACQUIRED BY AUSTIN ENERGY THROUGHOUT THE YEARS, SO IT WOULD -- SO THE ACTION ON THIS AGENDA WOULD BE TO -- TO DEDICATE THOSE AS PARKLAND, THEN TO NAME THAT PARTICULAR FACILITY FOR MANUEL AND ROBERT DONALLY AND THEN TO WAIVE THE NAMING PROCESS BECAUSE, THEN YOU DON'T HAVE -- BECAUSE THIS -- THIS IS AN IDEA THAT CAME OUT AS PART OF THE PUBLIC PROCESS FOR NAMING THESE OTHER FACILITIES.

Kim: WOULD THAT BE A ZONING CHANGE THEN FOR THOSE LOTS TO PARKLAND?

Alvarez: YOU KNOW, I'M NOT CERTAIN. I BELIEVE THEY ARE OWNED BY AUSTIN ENERGY. THEY MAY ALREADY BE ZONED P. I COULDN'T TELL YOU FOR SURE. I THINK THERE'S AN

EASY ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION.

Futrell: WARREN, DO YOU HAVE THAT INFORMATION? I THINK WE PROBABLY DO HAVE THAT FOR YOU.

I'M NOT SURE IF THEY ARE ZONED P OR NOT, WE CAN HAVE PARKLAND THAT'S NOT ZONED P. IT'S FINE TO DEDICATE AS SUCH, BUT ALSO OWNED FEE SIMPLY BY AUSTIN ENERGY.

WE ARE TALKING ABOUT THREE LOTS THAT ARE ADJACENT TO THE HIKE AND BIKE TRAIL?

RIGHT-OF-WAY ON HASKELL STREET? THREE OR FOUR?

FOUR.

THERE USED TO BE A LITTLE POCKET PARK THERE, ONLY ONE LOT THAT WAS ACTUALLY OWNED BY THE CITY. AND SO NOW IT'S A BIGGER AREA AND THERE'S MORE POTENTIAL, YOU KNOW, FOR -- FOR DEVELOPING PARK IMPROVEMENTS THERE.

WOULD THIS -- WOULD THIS ADD TO OUR MAINTENANCE COSTS OR ARE WE ALREADY DOING MAINTENANCE IN THE AREA FOR THE ADJACENT --

COUNCILMEMBER, WE ARE ALREADY DOING MAINTENANCE TO THOSE THREE AREAS ALONG WITH AUSTIN ENERGY, VERY LITTLE ADDITIONAL O AND M COSTS.

Kim: OKAY. IS THERE -- THERE'S A PIECE OF PROPERTY THAT'S SURROUNDED BY THE YELLOW LOTS, NUMBER 26, WHAT IS THAT?

APPEARS TO BE A PRIVATE PROPERTY --

I THINK IT IS A HOME. ISN'T THAT WHERE THE WROUGHT IRON FENCE ISSUE WAS? I MAY BE OFF BASE.

YES. >>

Futrell: I BELIEVE THAT IS A PRIVATE HOME COUNCILMEMBER.

Kim: WELL, I WOULD BE OKAY WITH -- I GUESS BASICALLY WE WOULD HAVE TO COME BACK FOR A ZONING CHANGE THEN, RIGHT?

Futrell: YOU DON'T HAVE TO CHANGE ZONING. YOU CAN HAVE PARKLAND THAT IS NOT P. YOU COULD. IT WOULD BE CLEANER TO DO IT THAT WAY.

WE WOULD PREFER P CERTAINLY. [MULTIPLE VOICES]

I WAS JUST TRYING TO GET A ACCEPTS OF HOW LARGE THE AREA WAS AND --

TOTALLY ACREAGE IS ABOUT -- ABOUT .4 OF AN ACRE, I BELIEVE, IS WHAT IT COMES TO. >>

Kim: WOULD BE ADJACENT TO OTHER PARKLAND.

IT WILL.

Kim: ALONG THE TRAIL?

THAT'S CORRECT.

Kim: ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER. FURTHER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS?

THANK YOU VERY MUCH, COUNCILMEMBER.

Alvarez: IN TERMS OF THE FUNDING ITEM THAT YOU ALL MAY HAVE REVIEWED, THE FUNDING TO -- TO ADD ADDITIONAL -- TO ALLOCATE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR ZEPEZA MUSIC PROJECT, CAME FROM THE HOLLY MUSIC PROGRAM SET ASIDE TO EXPEDITE THE LIBRARY EXPANSION AND THE MEXICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER PROJECT AND THE NUMBER WE CAME UP WITH AT THAT TIME, I THINK IT WAS FY '03 '04 WAS 1.2 MILLION BECAUSE THAT WAS THE ESTIMATED O AND M IMPACT AT THAT TIME. AND NOW THAT WE HAVE MOVED FORWARD WITH THOSE PROJECTS, WE KNOW EXACTLY WHAT THE O AND M IMPACT WILL BE, IT FREES UP ABOUT \$400,000 FROM THAT -- FROM THOSE HOLLY GOOD

NEIGHBOR PROGRAM FUNDS THAT CAN BE INVESTED BACK INTO THE HOLLY NEIGHBORHOOD. SO THAT'S WHERE -- THAT'S WHERE -- SO -- SO BECAUSE WE HAVE KIND OF BEEN WORKING ON THESE, WE FELT THAT WOULD BE AN APPROPRIATE USE OF THOSE FUNDS BECAUSE THEY DEFINITELY WOULD ACCRUE SOME BENEFITS TO THE RESIDENTS IN THAT HOLLY AREA.

Mayor Wynn: TECHNICALLY, THAT'S ITEM NO. 82, COUNCIL. SO ITEMS 11, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, AND 61 CAN BE CHARACTERIZED ESSENTIALLY AT THESE -- FOR THE NAMING ITEMS. AND ITEM NO. 82 IS THE -- IS THE -- THE -- THE AMENDING OF THE HOLLY MITIGATION PROGRAM FUNDING. FURTHER COMMENTS, QUESTIONS? IF NOT, I GUESS WE COULD TAKE A -- A COMBINED MOTION, COUNCILMEMBER, IF YOU ARE -- IF YOU ARE READY.

Alvarez: THANKS, MAYOR. IF IT'S OKAY WITH EVERYONE TO TAKE THEM AS A JOINT MOTION?

Mayor Wynn: THAT -- WITHOUT OBJECTION.

Alvarez: IS THAT WE -- IN -- THE ONLY ITEM THAT WE WON'T TAKE ACTION ON, MAYOR, WOULD BE THE ITEM 19, BECAUSE THAT WAS THE ITEM WHERE WE WERE NAMING THE MEETING HALL AT -- AT FIESTA GARDENS FOR A SPECIFIC INDIVIDUAL AND WE ARE NOW HONORING THAT INDIVIDUAL IN THE -- BY NAMING A DIFFERENT FACILITY, SO WE WON'T TAKE ACTION ON ITEM 19. MAYOR, I WOULD MOVE APPROVAL OF -- OF -- OF ITEMS 11, 18, 20, 21, 22, 61, AND 82, IN SUPPORT OF, YOU KNOW, ESTABLISHING THE TRAIL OF TEJANO LEGENDS AND PROVIDING ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO THE ZEPEDA MUSIC GARDEN PROJECT AND THE TRAIL OF TEJANO LEGENDS PROJECT.

OKAY.

Thomas: I'LL SECOND.

Mayor Wynn: CAMPAIGNED MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ, SECONDED BY THE MAYOR PRO TEM. FURTHER COMMENTS?

Alvarez: MAYOR, JUST -- JUST END BY NOTING THAT THE ARTIST OF THE DAY, THERE ARE MEMBERS OF THE RAMOS FAMILY THE BAND CALLED LOS FLAMES THEY WILL BE PERFORM BEING AT 5:30, WE WILL BE PROVIDING CERTIFICATES TO THE FAMILIES AND ARTISTS THAT WILL BE HONORED, AFTER THE PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES, THERE WILL BE A BRIEF RECEPTION HERE AT CITY HALL. SO FOLKS WHO WANT TO CELEBRATE WITH THE FAMILIES CAN ALSO COME AND BE A PART OF THAT, BUT THAT WON'T HAPPEN UNTIL 5:30 OR 6:00. SO THANK YOU, MAYOR. THANK YOU, COUNCIL FOR LETTING ME -- LETTING ME WALK THROUGH THESE ISSUES AND FOR SUPPORTING THESE VERY IMPORTANT ITEMS.

THANK, COUNCILMEMBER. FURTHER COMMENTS, QUESTIONS? IF NOT I'LL -- LET'S SEE, WE HAVE AGAIN A COMBINED MOTION AND A SECOND, ITEMS 11, 18, 20, 21, 22, 61 AND 82, FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

AYE.

Wynn: OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 7-0, THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. COMBINED MOTION. MS. GENTRY YOU WILL NOTE THAT ITEM NO. 19 HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN. THANK YOU. COWBOY THAT GETS US, I BELIEVE -- COUNCIL, THAT GETS US, I BELIEVE, THROUGH ALL OF OUR DISCUSSION ITEMS. WE -- UNFORTUNATELY THAT ONLY LEAVES US 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO OUR GENERAL CITIZENS COMMUNICATION, PERHAPS IN THOSE 15 MINUTES THE CITY MANAGER COULD PERHAPS GIVE SORT OF AN OVERVIEW OF WHAT WILL THEN BE THE POLICY BUDGET DISCUSSIONS THAT I SUSPECT WILL -- WE WILL TAKE UP IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE LUNCH BREAK.

ALL RIGHT. SO -- SO WHAT I THINK MAYBE THE BEST USE OF THE TIME BECAUSE IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO -- TO GET INTO ANY OF THE SESSIONS IN 10 MINUTES IS -- SECTIONS IN 10 MINUTES IS TO WALK THROUGH HOW THE POLICY BUDGET DISCUSSION IS FRAMED. THE POLICY BUDGET DISCUSSION HAS THREE PARTS. FIRST WE ARE GOING TO RECAP THE FIVE-YEAR FINANCIAL FORECAST. IT'S IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT THIS FORECAST IS BASED ON THE

EFFECTIVE TAX RATE, VERY AGGRESSIVE REVENUE PROJECTIONS WHILE THE EXPENDITURES IN THIS FORECAST ARE BASED ON STATUS QUO SERVICE ASSUMPTIONS. OUR 2007 EXPENDITURES ARE THE BASE BUDGET FROM 2006 PLUS THE COUNCIL'S POLICY AND CONTRACTUAL COST DRIVERS. THESE ARE THINGS THAT WE HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT OVER THE LAST FOUR YEARS. SO THE FIVE YEAR FORECAST WAS FRAMED AS BASE BUDGET, CURRENT LEVEL SERVICE LEVELS, PLUS THE COUNCIL'S POLICIES AND CONTRACTUAL COST DRIVERS. THE REASON THAT'S IMPORTANT IS THAT -- THAT THE FORECAST DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY REBUILDING OR ANY ACCOMMODATION FOR NON-PUBLIC SAFETY GROWTH IN SERVICE DEMANDS. THAT'S THE FIRST SECTION, THE SECOND SECTION IS THE PROPOSED STRATEGIC ADD BACKS. THE IMPORTANT THING TO REMEMBER HERE ON THE ADD-BACKS IS THAT 2006 OUR CURRENT YEAR WAS THE VERY FIRST YEAR THAT WE WERE ABLE TO BEGIN TO REBUILD SERVICES THAT WERE CUT DRAMATICALLY DURING FOUR YEARS OF A DOWNTURN. SO WE ARE THE FRONT EDGE OF REBUILDING SERVICE LEVELS IN OUR ORGANIZATION. THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THESE BUDGET ENHANCEMENTS, STRATEGY ADDS, WERE DEVELOPED THROUGH VERY EXPENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL AND VULNERABILITY RISK ASSESSMENTS. EVERY DEPARTMENT TOOK A LOOK AT EVERY ACTIVITY, SAW WHAT WE WERE PERFORMING, WHAT LEVELS WE WERE PERFORMING AT NOW, WHETHER WE WERE MEETING OUR GOALS, WHAT THE IMPACT OF THOSE SERVICE LEVELS WERE, AND WHAT IT WOULD COST TO IMPROVE SERVICE AREAS THAT POSED A RISK OR VULNERABILITY OR DISSATISFACTION LEVEL WITH OUR CITIZENS. UNLIKE THE BUDGET ENHANCE ENHANCEMENTS THAT YOU SAW IN THE 90s, THESE WILL REALLY NEED, NOT WANTS, TRULY OPERATIONAL NEEDS IN OUR ORGANIZATION. FINALLY THE THIRD SECTION IS REALLY THE POLICY DISCUSSION HERE ON THE DAIS. WE FRAME THAT DISCUSSION AROUND 6 OR 7 BASIC QUESTIONS. BASED ON THE DISCUSSION THAT WE HEAR ON THE DAIS IS TO TURN THOSE DISCUSSIONS INTO FOUNDATION OVER THE NEXT EIGHT WEEKS AS WE DEVELOP THE PROPOSED BUDGET. WHAT WE INTENDED TO DO IS HAVE GREG, OUR BUDGET OFFICER, START WITH THE FIRST SECTION, THE RECAP, THEN I WILL LEAD YOU

THROUGH A SUMMARY OF THE STRATEGIC ADDS AND WE ARE TOO OUR THIRD SECTION THEN WITH -- WE ARE TO OUR THIRD SECTION THEN WITH WHAT WE HOPE WILL BE A VIBRANT DISCUSSION ON THE DAIS GIVING US SOME SENSE OF WHERE THE COUNCIL WOULD LIKE US TO HEAD ON CERTAIN FOUNDATION POLICY QUESTIONS BEFORE WE TAKE OFF FOR THE NEXT EIGHT WEEKS TO PUT A BUDGET TOGETHER. TO PUT A BUDGET DOCUMENT TOGETHER.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, CITY MANAGER. QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS, COUNCIL. AGAIN, SORRY -- 10 MINUTES BEFORE THE CITIZENS COMMUNICATION, I THOUGHT WE COULD OUTLINE WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO GET ACCOMPLISHED. OUR GOAL HERE, REMEMBER A COUPLE OF TIME CERTAINS TO GET THROUGH SOME DISCUSSION ITEMS THIS AFTERNOON SO THAT COME THIS EVENING, 6:00 THIS EVENING WILL FOCUS ON CITIZEN TESTIMONY REGARDING CENTRAL BOND ELECTION, A HANDFUL OF M.B.E. ORDINANCES, SUGGESTIONS THAT WE WILL TAKE UP SOMETIME IN THE AFTERNOON AS WITH OUR TAXI ITEM, BUT -- BUT OUR HOPE IS THAT AFTER 30 MINUTES OF CITIZEN COMMUNICATION, THEN OVER OUR LUNCH BREAK WE WILL QUICKLY GO THROUGH THE -- A SINGLE EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM, WE COULD BE BACK HERE BACK IN OPEN SESSION BY, YOU KNOW, SHORTLY AFTER 1:00. THEN WE WILL ALLOW THE CITY MANAGER AND HER TEAM TO WALK THROUGH THE -- THROUGH THE POLICY PRESENTATION -- BUDGET PRESENTATIONS AND HOPEFULLY HAVE SOME GOOD DISCUSSION UP HERE ON SOME DIRECTION. STAY TUNED.

COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL? >>

Leffingwell: REAL SIMPLE QUESTION HERE, YOUR 2007 REVENUE ESTIMATE OF [INDISCERNIBLE] DOES THAT INCLUDE -- INCLUDE THE EXCESS FROM 2006 TO 7.3?

Futrell: NO. THERE'S A WHOLE SEPARATE SECTION THAT DEALS WITH YOUR ONE-TIME DOLLARS. THE SLIDE ON -- OF YOUR FUND BALANCE. THE SLIDE ON 5 IS GIVING YOU THE ONGOING O AND M BUDGET. IT'S ONGOING REVENUE, ONGOING EXPENSES. THERE'S A SEPARATE SECTION IN THE PRESENTATION THAT WILL DEAL WITH YOUR FINANCIAL POLICY ON YOUR ONE-TIME FUNDS OR YOUR FUND

BALANCE. THAT'S WHERE MONEY DROPS TO THE BOTTOM LINE THAT [INDISCERNIBLE] WHAT WE BUDGETED, THEN OUR FINANCIAL POLICIES CARRY US THROUGH HOW WE USE THOSE DOLLARS. THEY ARE -- NOW, IT IS AN IMPORTANT PIECE, THOUGH, BECAUSE THOSE ONE-TIME FUNDS AND THE ONE THIRD OF THEM THAT THE FINANCIAL POLICY ALLOWS US TO USE FOR ONE-TIME COSTS AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURES HAS BEEN A KEY COMPONENT OF BALANCING OUR BUDGET. ONE WAY TO TALK ABOUT THAT IS -- IS DURING THE BOOM YEARS, VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS, COMPUTER UPGRADES, ISSUES LIKE THAT, WERE THINGS WE DID NOT DEFER AND WE HAD A REGULAR SCHEDULE FOR DOING THOSE. INSIDE THE O AND M BUDGET. DURING THE DOWNTURN, THESE ITEMS THAT WE USE THIS FUND BALANCE TO HELP FUND WERE DELAYED. SOMETIMES CUT. AS A WAY TO TRY TO MANAGE OUR WAY THROUGH THE DOWNTURN. SO WE ARE USING THAT FUND BALANCE, GRADUALLY REDUCING OUR DEPENDENCE ON IT, AND KEEPING A HEALTHY CONTINGENCY FUND THERE IN CASE SOMETHING GOES AWRY AGAIN IN OUR ECONOMY. BUT IT IS A KEY COMPONENT OF BALANCING THE BUDGET. BECAUSE YOU CAN ONLY DEFER VEHICLES FOR SO LONG AND YOU CAN ONLY WORK ON THE OUTDATED COMPUTERS FOR SO LONG, SO THEY REALLY ARE OPERATIONAL NEEDS THAT WE NEED TO BEGIN LOADING AND LAYERING BACK INTO THE BUDGET.

Leffingwell: I UNDERSTAND THAT. JUST TRYING TO GET A FEEL FOR HOW THESE NUMBERS FLOW FROM YEAR TO YEAR, IT LOOKS LIKE COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLY IS ANXIOUS TO HELP EXPLAIN THIS TO ME.

Dunkerly: I'M NOT GOING TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION, BUT I WANTED TO ASK A QUESTION OF THE CITY MANAGER TO HELP CLARIFY ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I THINK WE ARE ALL TRYING TO GET TO. THE ENDING BALANCE FROM THIS YEAR ROLLS OVER INTO THE BALANCE THAT'S AVAILABLE FOR THIS YEAR. AND IT'S THAT BALANCE THAT YOU TAKE ONE THIRD OF. SO IF YOU HAVE ALREADY INCLUDED THE ENDING BALANCE IN YOUR NUMBERS FROM YOUR COMING UP TO TRY TO USE OUR FINANCIAL POLICIES, USE ONE THIRD OF THAT AMOUNT. FOR ONE-TIME THINGS IN THIS

CURRENT BUDGET.

Futrell: THAT'S EXACTLY RIGHT.

Dunkerly: I WANT TO MAKE SURE. IN FACT YOUR FINANCIAL POLICIES SAY THAT ANY ADDITIONAL ONE-TIME FUNDS FALL TO THE BOTTOM LINE GETTING INCORPORATED INTO THE FUND BALANCE THAT GETS ALLOCATED ONE THIRD OF WHICH GETS ALLOCATED THE FOLLOWING YEAR. SO WHAT YOU WILL SEE, FOR EXAMPLE, ON PAGE 30 OF THE PRESENTATION, IS WHERE WE SECONDED THE DISCUSSION JUST TO TALK ABOUT THE FUND BALANCE. SO YOU WILL PROBABLY RECOGNIZE THIS CHART BECAUSE IT WAS ONE OF THE CHARTS THAT WE USED IN THE FINANCIAL FORECAST.

Dunkerly: WHERE I GET CONFUSED, I KNEW THIS IS HOW YOU DID IT, BACK IN THE OLD DAYS WE DIDN'T HAVE A SEPARATE [INDISCERNIBLE] FUNDS, IT RAN THROUGH THE BEGINNING FUND BALANCE [INDISCERNIBLE] SAME THING WITH JUST MOVED IT OVER INTO A BUDGET STABILIZATION FUND. SO THAT YOU COULD CAPTURE ALL OF THAT FROM BALANCE RESERVE.

Futrell: THAT WAS ACTUALLY A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF A DIFFERENT KIND OF FISCAL DISCIPLINE. WHEN THE DOWNTURN HIT, DURING THE YEARS, ALMOST IN ANY GIVEN YEARS, IF WE PREDICTED SALES TAX AT 10, IT CAME IN AT 12, IF WE PREDICTED 12, IT CAME IN AT 14, THAT MONEY WAS LOADED BACK INTO THE ONGOING O AND M OF THE BUDGET. WHEN THE SALES TAX CRASHED IN THE DOWNTURN, WE HAD A REAL PROBLEM BECAUSE WE HAD A HEAVY RELIANCE ON REALLY WHAT WAS ONE-TIME FUNDING IN OUR ONGOING EXPENDITURES. SO OUR AUDIT AND FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE CAME FORWARD WITH A FISCAL POLICY TO MAKE SURE THAT WE WERE POSITIONED DIFFERENTLY SHOULD THAT EVER OCCUR AGAIN. AND THAT'S WHAT IS IN PLACE NOW WITH YOUR POLICY ON THE [INDISCERNIBLE] BALANCE.

Leffingwell: I THINK I SOMEWHAT UNDERSTAND IT. I MAY NEED A LITTLE BIT OF REMEDIAL TRAINING ASIDE FROM THIS

MEETING ON THAT.

Futrell: ALSO YOU WILL HEAR IT FROM SEVERAL DIFFERENT PEOPLE. WE ALL TALK ABOUT IT DIFFERENTLY, IT'S ALWAYS EASY FOR ME INITIALLY TO SEE IT. GREG DO YOU HAVE A THOUGHT TO ADD TO THIS?

IN FACT WHAT WE HAVE DONE IN SEPARATING IT OUT INTO A SEPARATE FUND TO LOOK AT THE REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES IN THE STABILIZATION RESERVE FUND, THE VISUAL HELPS US ALL TO SEE THE POLICY IN ACTION.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN.

McCracken: IN LOOKING AT THIS, I KNOW WE ARE GOING TO GET INTO MORE DETAIL, SOMETHING THAT I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR IN THE PRESENTATION GREG, IF THE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE, MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THE BASE BUDGET IS BASICALLY IT'S IN THE SAME [INDISCERNIBLE] AS YOU HAD LAST YEAR, EVERYTHING STAYS THE SAME.

Futrell: STATUS QUO.

McCracken: IN YOUR DEPARTMENT HAD 100 EMPLOYEES, THE BASE BUDGET SAYS 100 EMPLOYEES, RIGHT?

Futrell: THAT'S IT.

McCracken: SO WE HAVE ONE -- WELL WE SEE THIS REFLECTED A LITTLE BIT IN THE COST DRIVERS. BUT WE DO HAVE ONE AREA THROUGH ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATION AT EXISTING COUNCIL POLICY, EMPLOYEES CONTINUE TO BE ADDED REGARDLESS OF THE COUNCIL, BUT THEY --

THAT'S EXACTLY RIGHT.

YEAH.

McCracken: I KNOW WE HAD SOME DISCUSSION THAT OUR FINANCIAL FORECAST I THINK IT WAS, COUNCILMEMBER KIM HAD SOME QUESTIONS ANSWERING, A -- COPIES OF IT HERE, BUT IT WAS -- GOT INTO HOW WAS IT THAT THE -- THAT THE PUBLIC SAFETY COSTS KEPT ON -- KEPT ON ACT CURING ALL

OF THIS EXPONENTIALLY COMPARED TO EVERYTHING ELSE IN THE BUDGET. MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THE WAY WE DO BUDGET PROJECTIONS THEN GOING FORWARD IS THAT YOU ASSUME THE BASE BUDGET WHERE EVERYTHING STAYS THE SAME, EXCEPT THERE'S ONE AREA EVEN DURING THE DOWNTURN, WHEN WE WERE CUTTING 800 CITY EMPLOYEES FROM EVERYWHERE ELSE, THAT WAS PUBLIC SAFETY, HAPPENS ADMINISTRATIVELY THROUGH YOUR LIMITATION OF EXISTING COUNCIL POLICY, RIGHT?

THAT'S TRUE. A LITTLE BIT OF A CAVEAT, BUT BASICALLY THAT IS TRUE. WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE FORECAST, YOU ARE LOOKING AT THE BASE BUDGET, STATUS QUO, IN YOUR COST DRIVERS ARE TWO THINGS, FOR EXAMPLE, IF COUNCIL'S POLICY IS TO OPEN A NEW BRANCH LIBRARY, THAT WAS PART OF THE CAPITAL PLAN SO THAT YEAR A BRANCH LIBRARY OPENS UP. THERE WILL BE A -- THE NEW POSITIONS TO OPEN THAT BRANCH LIBRARY? IT'S A VERY SMALL PART FOR THE CAPITAL PROGRAM, SO YOU HAVE CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS THAT ARE IN YOUR COST DRIVERS, YOU HAVE SIGNIFICANT GROWTH POLICIES ON PUBLIC SAFETY, THAT IS REALLY THE ONLY PLACE THAT WE HAVE THEM IN THE COST DRIVERS, YOU HAVE NEW FACILITIES AND YOU HAVE BASICALLY INVESTMENT IN YOUR WORKFORCE. HEALTH CARE INCREASES, UNLESS YOU KNOW EMPLOYEES WERE NOT GOING TO EVER HAVE A PAY RAISE OBVIOUSLY AS AN ORGANIZATION THERE'S GOING TO BE SOME INCREASING OF PAY FOR EMPLOYEES, THAT'S LOADED IN YOUR COST DRIVERS, WE LINE, WILL LINE UP EACH OF THOSE FOR YOU. THE TWO POLICIES THAT YOU SPEAK OF ARE -- ARE COUNCIL RESOLUTION ON 2.0 OFFICERS PER THOUSAND POPULATION SO THAT AUTOMATICALLY GETS ADJUSTED, EVERY YEAR IN THE BUDGET AND AN ENHANCED TASK FORCE STAFFING POLICY DIRECTION.

McCracken: DO WE --

FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

THE POLICY QUESTION THEN, INFORMATION REQUEST. AND THE POLICY QUESTION IS DO WE HAVE AN EXISTING COUNCIL POLICY ON WHAT THE MAXIMUM PERCENTAGE OF

PUBLIC SAFETY CAN CONSUME OF THE CITY BUDGET?

Futrell: THE ANSWER IS NO.

McCracken: BECAUSE WE HAVE SEEN, WE HAVE SEEN STATISTICS THAT SHOW PUBLIC SAFETY IS ON TRACK TO CONSUME ABOUT 80 TO 90% OF THE BUDGET -- WE CURRENTLY ARE V NO CAP TO SAY THAT WE HAVE A LOT OF RESPONSIBILITIES WHILE PUBLIC SAFETY OBVIOUSLY IS OUR MOST IMPORTANT ONE, WE HAVE OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES, TOO, WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE A FAIR DISTRIBUTION OF OUR -- OF OUR TAXPAYER DALLAS AND SO I'M HEARING WE CURRENTLY HAVE NO POLICY THAT SAYS -- THIS IS AS HIGH AS ANYTHING CAN GO. RIGHT?

THAT'S EXACTLY RIGHT.

MY REQUEST FOR INFORMATION IS THIS. COULD YOU, GREG, IF YOU HAVE IT, IN THE NEXT -- WHEN WE START UP AGAIN I GUESS IN AN HOUR OR SO, LET US KNOW BASED ON THE COST DRIVER PORTION, AGAIN, THE BASE BUDGET IS EVERYBODY HAD AN EXACT SAME NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES THAT YOU HAD THE YEAR BEFORE.

Futrell: WITH THE ONLY EXCEPTION BEING IN THE COST DRIVERS, WE DO ALLOW FOR NEW FACILITIES.

RIGHT. SO WHAT I'M SAYING IS THE BASE BUDGET.

DOESN'T HAVE IT, YOU ARE EXACTLY RIGHT.

THE BASE BUDGET IS EVERYTHING EXACTLY THE SAME AS IT WAS LAST YEAR? THEN THE COST -- CORRECT -- CORRECT?

THEN COST DRIVERS IS -- IS WHERE THE YOU -- THERE'S \$40 MILLION OF COST DRIVERS, THE QUESTION IS WHERE THE -- WHAT ARE THE EMPLOYEE NUMBERS, HOW MANY NEW EMPLOYEES PER EXPENDITURE SECTION ARE THEN LIKE -- LIKE -- DOES THAT MAKE SENSE?

I THINK THAT YOU ARE ASKING FOR THAT -- WHERE WE ARE SHOWING YOU THE COST DRIVERS ARE SHOWING YOU THE DOLLAR AMOUNTS, BUT SHOW THE -- THE EMPLOYEES AND

F.T.E.'S ASSOCIATED WITH THOSE COST DRIVERS.

YEAH, EXACTLY. SHOWS YOU FOR INSTANCE HOW MANY IN THIS COST DRIVER HOW MANY ARE LOTTERY EMPLOYEES, PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES, THAT KIND OF STUFF.

WE WILL BRING THAT BACK.

THAT'S -- WE DIDN'T PRESENT IT THAT WAY, BUT THAT'S VERY EASY TO GET THAT DATA FOR YOU. WE HAVE BEEN DOING DOLLARS VERSUS POSITIONS, BUT WE CAN BRING THAT BACK EASILY.

I GUESS AS A FOLLOW-UP, IF IT'S POSSIBLE TO GET SOME -- IF YOU HAVE IT, MAYBE TOUGH TO GET HERE IN THE NEXT HOUR OR TWO, BUT IF WE HAVE SOME HISTORICAL AND GOING FORWARD ASSUMPTIONS OF WHAT THAT MEANS ON THE -- LIKE FOR INSTANCE SAY FROM 90 -- FROM 90, YOU KNOW -- UR9 '95 ON OR 2000 ON, HOW MANY EMPLOYEES PER AREA WERE ADDED OR SUBTRACTED? MY UNDERSTANDING FOR INSTANCE IS THAT LET'S TAKE THE COMPTROLLER'S FUNCTION LOST EMPLOYEES WHILE SAY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OR SOMEBODY GAINED EMPLOYEES, BUT IT'S POSSIBLE TO SHOW THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES INCREASED OR DECREASED DURING A CERTAIN PERIOD.

THAT WAS A -- I BELIEVE WE HAD A PRIOR BUDGET QUESTION THAT ASKED ABOUT REDUCTIONS PER DEPARTMENT. WITH YOU WE WILL LOOK AND SEE IF WE CAN. GOING OUT INTO THE FUTURE WE CAN PULL THAT FOR THE FORECASTS, F.T.E.'S, WE CAN BRING THAT BACK IN AN HOUR, WE WILL LOOK AT PRIOR BUDGET Q AND A.

THANK YOU ALL.

WE WILL OBVIOUSLY KICK UP THIS DETAILED DISCUSSION HERE IN APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR. SO COUNCIL THAT TAKES US TO OUR NOON CITIZENS -- WE ACTUALLY CORRECTED THE ORDER IN WHICH SPEAKERS ORIGINALLY SIGNED UP. OUR SYSTEM FOR WHATEVER REASON ALPHABETTIZED THEM FOR PART OF THE FORMAL AGENDA. SO OUR FIRST SPEAKER WILL BE JIMMY CASTRO. WELCOME,

FOLLOWED BY CAROL ANNE ROSE KENNEDY.

GOOD AFTERNOON, I DO HAVE SLIDES TO SHOW YOU THIS AFTERNOON, HERE TO SPEAK ON MY OWN BEHALF. THE FIRST SLIDE SHOWS THAT I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND EVERYONE OF THIS YEAR'S CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK ASSOCIATION TO BENEFIT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF AUSTIN, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY JUNE 3rd AND 4th. ALL MONEY RAISED FROM THE CENTRAL TEXAS AREA DURING THE CELEBRATION WILL BE EARMARKED WITH CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF AUSTIN. LITTLE ONLY DEDICATED PEDIATRIC FACILITY OFFERING WORLD CLASS SPECIALTY CARE FOR FAMILIES THROUGHOUT CENTRAL TEXAS. THE AUSTIN PEDIATRIC MEDICAL EDUCATION OFFERS A WELL ROUNDED TRAINING EXPERIENCE FOR OUR COUNTRY'S'S FINEST MEDICAL SCHOOL GRADUATES. PEDIATRICIANS OF TOMORROW PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN CARING FOR CHILDREN. SOME OF THE DEPARTMENTS AND PROGRAMS AT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF AUSTIN INCLUDE THE CHILD LIFE DEPARTMENT, SPECIALTY CARE CENTER, CHILDREN'S ASTHMA PROGRAM, JUVENILE DIABETES TEAM, THE CHILDREN'S THERAPY GYM, THE CHILDREN'S EMERGENCY CENTER, THE CHILDREN'S EMERGENCY CENTER IS ONE OF ONLY FIVE DEDICATED PEDIATRIC ER'S IN TEXAS AND THE ONLY ONE IN CENTRAL TEXAS. THE PEDIATRIC INTENSIVE CARE UNIT, IS STAFFED 24 HOURS A DAY BY A QUALIFIED TEAM. THE CHILDHOOD CANCER AND BLOOD DISORDER CENTER. THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL FOUNDATION OF AUSTIN. THE NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE UNIT PROVIDES THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE CARE IN THE STATE FOR NEWBORNS AND INFANTS WITH MEDICAL OR SURGICAL PROBLEMS. THE NEW DELL CHILDREN'S IMAGING CENTER PROVIDES SPACE FOR RADIOLOGY AND ULTRASOUND CAPABILITIES. THE EXPANDED CHILDREN'S SURGERY CENTER IS THE ONLY ONE IN CENTRAL TEXAS DEDICATED EXCLUSIVELY TO CHILDREN. WILL PEDIATRIC CRITICAL CARE TRANSPORT TEAM IS AVAILABLE ON A 24 HOUR BASIS COMPRISED THE REGISTERED NURSES, REGISTERED RESPIRATORY THERAPISTS. THE CHILDREN'S REGIONAL HEART PROGRAM HAS A LONG AND DISTINGUISHED HISTORY OF SERVICE TO PATIENTS FROM THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND THE WORLD. FINALLY, WHAT REALLY MAKES

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF AUSTIN DIFFERENT IS PEOPLE.  
PEOPLE WHO CAN LEAVE WORK EACH DAY KNOWING THEY  
HAVE MADE THE DIFFERENCE IN THE LIFE OF A CHILD.  
THANK YOU, MAYOR WYNN.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. CASTRO. OUR NEXT SERIAL IS  
CAROL ANNE ROSE KENNEDY. WILL BE FOLLOWED BY PATTI  
SPRINKLE. WELCOME, PATTI. THREE MINUTES FOLLOWED BY  
CHUCK MAINS.

MY LITTLE POWERPOINT PRESENTATION HAD SOME TECH  
FAILURE, I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU MY THOUGHTS ANYWAY OF  
THE BOULDIN MEADOWS SITUATION, WEST BOULDIN CREEK  
WATERSHED. AS I STARTED TO PUT THE PRESENTATION  
TOGETHER AND DOWN LEAD LOADED THE FEMA MAPS FOR  
THE AREA, IT BECAME REALLY CLEAR TO ME THAT THE BIG  
PICTURE IS KNOTS BEING LOOKED AT. WHAT WE HAVE  
ESSENTIALLY IS A WATERSHED AREA AND A CREEK. WE  
HAVE ACTUALLY A NORTH SECTION TO WEST BOULDIN  
CREEK THAT I REALLY WASN'T EVEN AWARE OF. THE REST  
OF THE CREEK CONTINUING AT CLAWSON LANE. WHAT'S  
HAPPENING WITH THIS LITTLE PIECE OF BOULDIN MEADOWS  
THAT HAS BEEN REZONED IT'S RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE, IT IS  
ACTING AS A SPONGE AND FILTERING A LOT OF THE WATER  
THAT COMES THROUGH FROM THE DRAINAGE AREA TO -- TO  
THE WEST OF IT. WHEN YOU SEE IT ON THE BIG MAP, YOU  
CAN -- YOU HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS  
WHOLE AREA REALLY IS DRAINING A LOT MORE THAN 54  
ACRES AND REALLY IN IN ESSENCE A CRITICAL WATER  
QUALITY ZONE. THAT'S WHY I'M HERE TODAY BECAUSE IN  
THE LAST FEW WEEKS WE'VE HAD A LOT OF RAIN, BEEN OUT  
THERE, WE HAVE TAKEN A LOT OF PICTURES. A LOT OF  
COUNCIL AND THEIR STAFF HAS BEEN OUT AND ACTUALLY  
HAD A GOOD LOOK AT THE SITE. I WANT TO THANK  
EVERYBODY FOR DOING THAT, YOU REALLY CAN'T  
APPRECIATE IT UNTIL YOU ARE ON THE GROUND LOOKING  
AT THE AREA. IT BECOMES PRETTY CLEAR THAT WHEN IT'S  
DRY, IT'S LIKE A SPONGE, IT'S VERY, VERY HARD. AND IT  
LOOKS LIKE HEY THERE'S NOT A FLOODING PROBLEM HERE  
AT ALL. BUT WHEN YOU GET A LITTLE BIT OF RAIN AND YOU  
GET THE LOCALIZED FLOODING FROM THE STREETS AND  
WHATNOT COMING INTO THAT AREA, THEN IT'S VERY, VERY  
WET AND IT'S BASICALLY A A MARSH. YOU WILL SEE THAT IN

SOME OF THE PICTURES THAT YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU NOW, THAT CHUCK WILL SHOW YOU. WE ARE REALLY CONCERNED THAT THE SAFETY OF FUTURE CITIZENS OF AUSTIN WHO MIGHT BUY A LOT THERE AND BUILD THERE ARE GOING TO BE IN A PRETTY BAD SITUATION. AS YOU ALL KNOW AUSTIN IS FLASH FLOOD ALLEY, I GOT THAT QUOTE FROM THE CITY OF AUSTIN'S WEBSITE. YOU SAY YOUR GOALS ARE THERE TO PROMOTE THE SAFETY OF THE CITIZENS OF AUSTIN, TO PROTECT LIVES, PROPERTY, ENVIRONMENT FROM ADVERSE FLOOD 7 CONDITIONS. I THINK THAT IF WE HAVEN'T MAPPED THAT WATERSHED APPROPRIATELY, WHICH SEEMS PRETTY APPARENT, THAT A WHOLE TRIBUTARY IS BEING MISSED THAT-- THAT WE ARE NOT GOING TO BE HELP HELPING THAT PROBLEM AT ALL IN THE FUTURE. WE ARE SETTING UP A DANGEROUS SITUATION THAT THE CITY WILL BE LIABLE FOR, PUTTING LIVES AT RISK. THEY WANT TO BUILD A BRIDGE OVER BARTON SKY WAY, RIGHT IN THE CENTER OF THAT CRITICAL WATER QUALITY ZONE. I THINK THERE NEEDS TO BE FURTHER STUDY ON THIS BEFORE PEOPLE'S LIVES ARE PUT AT RISK AND OTHER PROPERTY OWNERS' LIVES AND PROPERTY ITSELF FROM FLOODING IS NOT ADDRESSED THOROUGHLY IF WE DON'T DO THAT. I HOPE THAT THE CITY WILL RECONSIDER THIS SUBDIVISION AND REALLY TAKE ALL OF THE FACTS INTO CONSIDERATION AND LOOK AT THE BIG PICTURE. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU.

Futrell: ALSO, GEORGE OSWALT FROM THE WATERSHED DEPARTMENT IS HERE. IF HE CAN ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS FOR YOU, I HAVE GIVEN HIM A COPY OF YOUR PRESENTATION AND GEORGE RAISE YOUR -- DO YOU KNOW WHO HE IS? THERE YOU GO. HE'S A RESOURCE HERE TO HELP.

THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER CHUCK MINIMUM, FOLLOWED BY ANDREW DONOHO.

THANK YOU, MAYOR, COUNCIL, MY NAME IS CHUCK MAIN, I HAVE A PRESENTATION I WANT TO TRY TO FLY THROUGH THIS IN THREE MINUTES. IF I CAN. WHAT WE ARE GOING TO BE LOOKING AT IS A MAY HE HAVE RAIN EVENT A FEW WEEKS AGO WHEN THE ELECTRICITY WENT ON. 1.5-INCH

RAINFALL ABOUT 7:45 ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON. PRESENTATION THAT YOU ARE GOING TO BE SEEING IS PICTURE THAT'S WE TOOK FROM THAT EVENT. NOTICE THE AREA THAT YOU ARE LOOKING AT, BLUE LINE THE EXISTING FLOODPLAIN, THE RED LINE REPRESENTS PROPOSED FLOODPLAIN BY THE CITY OF AUSTIN AS WELL AS THE ENGINEERS FOR THIS PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT. THIS IS THE CURRENT FLOODPLAIN. THIS IS WHAT THE PROPOSED FLOODPLAIN IS. NOTICE HOW MUCH AREA IN THE BOX IS GOING TO BE TAKEN AWAY. WE ARE GOING TO BE LOOKING AT PRIMARILY THE AREA INSIDE THE BOX WITH THIS 1.5-INCH RAIN. THREE SETS OF CULVERT THAT'S EMPTY RIGHT INTO THE MIDDLE OF THIS AREA. WATER COMING DOWN FROM LIGHTSEY STRAIGHT TO THE CULVERTS. WATER THAT FLOWS ALONG THE RAILROAD BERM. IF YOU COULD PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THIS. THIS IS THE WATER CULMINATING AT THE CULVERTS COMBINING TOGETHER. YOU SEE HOW MUCH ROOM IS LEFT IN THE CULVERTS. THIS IS WHERE THE CULVERTS EMPTY OUT INTO THE MIDDLE OF THAT BOX. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THIS IS NO LONGER TO BE CONSIDERED FLOODPLAIN BY THE CITY OF AUSTIN. WHAT HAPPENS IS THIS WATER FANS OUT ALL OVER THE BASICALLY A FOOTBALL SIZED FIELD AREA. DISPATRIOTING BEFORE IT GOES -- DISSIPATING BEFORE IT GOES INTO WEST BOULDIN CREEK. THE CITY IS IN THE PROCESS OF LETTING A DEVELOPMENT BUILD ON TOP OF THIS AREA THAT THE USE FANS OUT, FIGUREFILLING UP TO FOUR FEET OF THE AREA THAT YOU ARE SEEING RIGHT NOW. WHAT YOU ARE LOOKING AT NOW IS WEST BOULDIN CREEK, AGAIN WITH THIS 1.5-INCH RAINFALL, YOU CAN SEE HOW CLOSE THE HOUSES ARE TO THE CREEK. HOW SWOLLEN THE CREEK IS. THIS IS BIRD WOOD CIRCLE, MY HOUSE, MY BACK YARD. SAME RAIN EVENT. THIS IS A DIFFERENT RAIN EVENT, BUT I WANTED TO SHOW YOU HOW CLOSE THIS CREEK GETS WHENEVER WE DO HAVE A REGULAR FLOOD EVENT. THIS IS PRETTY MUCH NORMAL. LOOKING OUT MY BACK WINDOW OF MY HOUSE. HOW CLOSE THE CREEK IS TO THE HOUSE AND THE PROPERTIES NEXT DOOR. WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN IS THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT IS GOING TO CONCRETE -- CULVERT THIS -- THIS WATER THAT YOU SEE RIGHT HERE, BRINGING IT OUT 150 FEET CLOSER TO MINE AND MY NEIGHBOR'S HOUSES ON BIRDWOOD CIRCLE. IN MY OPINION,

SEEING THE MAY 6th EVENTS AND WALKING AROUND OUT IN THE WATER, I DON'T SEE HOW POSSIBLE WE CAN -- WE CAN CONTAIN THAT WATER ONCE IT'S FILLED IN. CONTAIN IT FROM MAKING WEST BOULDIN CREEK BULGE OUT ON THE OTHER SIDE AND AFFECTING ALL OF THE HOMES ON BIRDWOOD CIRCLE AS WELL AS LOCK LANE AND WEATHERS LANE. IN MY OPINION IT SEEMS LIKE WE ARE SETTING OURS UP FOR WHAT HAPPENED 25 YEARS AGO YESTERDAY IN ANOTHER SHOAL CREEK EVENTS. I'M ASKING YOU TO TAKE STEPS AND TAKE STEPS SOON TO MAKE THIS AREA REMAIN A FLOODPLAIN. THAT'S WHAT I'M HERE TODAY TO SHOW YOU THESE PICTURES FROM MAY 6th. I WILL BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

THANK YOU, MR. MAINS, QUESTIONS OF CHUCK, COUNCIL?  
COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL.

Leffingwell: WHAT STEP DOES YOU THINK THE CITY COULD TAKE?

IN MY OPINION.

Leffingwell: FOR THIS PROBLEM.

GEORGE OSWALT SAYS THAT THIS AREA, THERE'S SOME -- THERE'S DIFFERENT PLACES AROUND THE CITY THAT THE -- THAT THEY ARE GOING TO GO BACK AND RESTUDY, HE SAID THIS TO YOU GUYS. HE SAID THE EMERALD FOREST AREA WILL BE ONE OF THOSE AREAS. I ASKED HIM BECAUSE WE HAD A WORKSHOP ON WHAT DO YOU DO WHENEVER YOUR HOUSE IS IN A FLOODPLAIN WORKSHOP. I ASKED HIM ARE YOU PLANNING ON GOING BACK TO RESETTING THIS AREA. TWO HOUSES DOWN FROM ME, ONE OF MY NEIGHBOR'S BACK YARDS FLOODS IN A REGULAR EVENT EVERY TWO YEARS HE HAS WATER UP INTO HIS SWIMMING POOL. UNDER THE NEW PROPOSED MAPS THIS YARD IS NOT EVEN IN THE FLOODPLAIN. AGAIN, THIS AREA, THAT YOU HAVE JUST SAW IS NO LONGER GOING TO BE IN THE FLOODPLAIN. WHAT I PROPOSE IS THAT THE CITY AND WHEN I SAY THE CITY, I MEAN YOU, COUNCIL, PICK AN EMPTY ENGINEER, GEORGE OSWALT SAID WE HAD TWO ENGINEER THAT'S STUDIED THE AREAS. WE DID THE ENGINEERS FOR THE DEVELOPERS WHO WANT TO BUILD ON THIS AREA, THEN WE HAD

[INDISCERNIBLE] & ASSOCIATES. THE TIMING OF THE TWO MAPS COMING OUT AT THE SAME TIME IT RAISES RED FLAGS. BUT WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IS COUNCIL PICK AN INDEPENDENT ENGINEER WITH SOME HELP FROM THE NEIGHBORS AND LET'S GO BACK AND LET'S STUDY THAT AREA. IF YOU LOOK AT WHERE THAT WATER GOES RIGHT NOW, IT MATCHES PRETTY MUCH THE AREA THAT -- THAT YOU SAW IN THESE PICTURES. I THINK WHENEVER THEY MADE THIS MAP, BACK IN THE DAY, THEY ACTUALLY -- THEY KNEW WHAT WAS GOING ON OVER THERE. I KNOW GEORGE SAYS THIS AREA WAS NOT MAPPED CORRECTLY. IN FACT THERE'S SOME PICTURES THAT WE SAW THAT ARE NOT EVEN IN THE FLOODPLAIN. BUT THAT THIS HIGH WATER WAS AT. IF ANYTHING IS FLOODPLAIN, IT PROBABLY SHOULD HAVE BEEN BIGGER. BUT -- BUT I DO THINK THAT WE NEED AN INDEPENDENT ENGINEER TO GO OUT THERE AND RESTUDY THIS AREA.

THANK YOU, MR. MAINS. FURTHER QUESTIONS?  
COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN?

YEAH, I GUESS THAT I WOULD JUST LIKE TO -- TO -- GEORGE OSWALT COULD GIVE US A -- HIS READ OF WHAT WE HAVE SEEN HERE IS -- IT SEEMS PRETTY AMAZING TO THINK THAT THIS PICTURE, CHUCK YOU ARE SAYING THIS PICTURE OF THE BIRDWOOD CIRCLE.

HEADING TOWARDS BIRDWOOD CIRCLE. WITH THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT, THEY ARE GOING TO CULVERT THIS WHOLE AREA, BRING IT OUT 150 FEET CLOSER, IN THE ENGINEER'S TERMS TURN IT LOOSE.

I GUESS WHAT YOU ARE TELLING ME OR TELLING US IS THAT THIS PHOTO THAT YOU SHOW US, THAT THIS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED NOT TO NUMBER THE FLOOD AREA --

THAT IS NOT LONGER -- NOT THE FLOODPLAIN BY THE CITY OF AUSTIN.

Futrell: GEORGE, ALSO, I WAS CONFUSED WHEN WE STARTED OBVIOUSLY WHAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT ARE THE NEW FEMA MAPS COMING OUT, NOT A PARTICULAR DEVELOPMENT, ALTHOUGH I KNOW THAT MAY BE A PIECE OF

IT.

IT HAPPENED AT THE SAME TIME. KIND OF COMPLICATED ISSUE. YEAH.

Futrell: AS PART OF IT, IT IS IMPORTANT, TALK A LITTLE, WHAT THE FEMA MAPS DO WHEN THEY UPDATE THEM, WHAT WE CAN PROTEST OR WHAT WE CAN ASK FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ...

LET ME BEGIN BY TALKING ABOUT THE NEW FEMA MODEL, THAT MODEL WAS DONE UNDER FEMA'S PURVIEW BY A FEMA CONTRACTOR HALF & ASSOCIATES. THIS ISN'T A MODEL THAT THE CITY DID AND TURNED OVER TO FEMA. THE MODEL THAT'S WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF REVISING THAT MR. MAINS SPOKE TO WERE SOME OF THE MODELS THAT WE HAD DONE OVER THE LAST FOUR OR FIVE YEARS THAT WE ARE INCORPORATING IN THE NEW MAP STUDY. THE POINT THAT I WANT TO MAKE WITH THAT, THIS MODEL HAS GONE THROUGH FEMA'S RIGOROUS QAQC PROCEDURES. ONE POINT. SECONDLY THE DEVELOPERS ENGINEERS DID AN EMPTY MODEL. TOTALLY INDEPENDENT, THEY AGREE VERY CLOSELY.

Futrell: BASICALLY SEALED IT IS THAT WHAT YOU ARE SAYING.

YES, BOTH DONE BY PROFESSIONAL VERSUS. SO HERE'S MY OPINION AS THE FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE CITY. WE CAN CERTAINLY HIRE A THIRD ENGINEER BUT I DON'T THINK WE ARE GOING TO FIND DIFFERENCES WITH RESPECT TO THE FLOODPLAIN ON -- ON WEST BOULDIN CREEK. NOW, WE CAN DO THAT, IF THE COUNCIL SO DIRECTS, WE CAN DO THAT, WE ALREADY HAVE TWO INDEPENDENT MODELS THAT WERE DONE WITHOUT INTERACTION THAT AGREED EXTREMELY CLOSELY.

Futrell: GEORGE, JUST BECAUSE -- THE PICTURES LOOK DRAMATIC, INTUITIVELY IT DOESN'T LOOK RIGHT. WHEN THE FEMA MAPS FIRST CAME OUT, THERE WERE SOME AREAS THAT WE HAD A DISAGREEMENT WITH. AM I CORRECT? DID --

THAT'S CORRECT. THERE WERE MODELS THAT WE

DEVELOPED. THERE WERE MOD BUILTS UNDER CONTRACT TO THE CITY THAT WE HAVE MERGED WITH THE ACTIVITIES THAT FEMA WAS DOING. THOSE ARE THE MODEMS THAT WE ARE WORKING WITH FEMA ON SOME ADJUSTMENT RIGHT NOW.

Futrell: THERE IS THE POTENTIAL TO DO THE SAME HERE THEN, IS THERE NOT?

THERE IS. I MEAN, THE -- I DON'T KNOW HOW FEMA WOULD RECEIVE THAT, BUT I GUESS WE COULD DO THAT. WE COULD -- THAT'S CERTAINLY A POTENTIAL.

Futrell: DON'T YOU THINK FEMA OWES US A LITTLE BIT RIGHT NOW. THAT'S A JOKE.

THEY HAVE ALREADY PUT \$3 MILLION INTO THIS, SO THEY HAVE BEEN MORE THAN GRACIOUS.

IN PAIN AND EFFORT AS OPPOSED TO DOLLARS [LAUGHTER]

OKAY. BIRDWELL CIRCLE, THE NEW POD DELS, DO SHOW AREAS THAT THE OLD MODEL DID NOT. THESE PICTURES ARE ACCURATE OF WHAT HAPPENS OUT THERE. THERE'S -- YOU ARE SEEING TWO SETS OF PICTURES HERE. YOU ARE SEEING PICTURES ON THE MAIN CHANNEL, I BELIEVE A PICTURE THAT'S UP RIGHT NOW IS ON THE MAIN CHANNEL OF WEST BOULDIN, AND YOU ARE SEEING PICTURES OF A TRIBUTARY WITH ABOUT 55-ACRES OF DRAINAGE AREA THAT COMES THROUGH THE -- THE LANDS ON WHICH THIS PROPOSED SUBDIVISION WILL BE ON. THAT CHANNEL WILL BE CONTAINED IN A DRAINAGE EASEMENT, THE CITY DOESN'T DEFINE A REGULATORY FLOODPLAIN UNTIL YOU GET TO 64 ACRES. FEMA TYPICALLY DOESN'T DO IT UNTIL YOU GET TO A SQUARE MILE WITH 640 ACRES. NEITHER MYSELF NOR FEMA IS SAYING WATER ISN'T THERE. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT POINT. WE ALL RECOGNIZE THAT WATER COMES ACROSS THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT. IT WILL BE CONTAINED IN AN EASEMENT IN A CHANNEL. SO IT'S GOING TO BE MANAGED. RIGHT NOW IT COMES THROUGH SOME CULVERTS UNDER THE RAILROAD. IT FANS OUT. THAT'S GOING TO BE CONTAINED IN A CHANNEL AND A CULVERT AND RELEASED SOME DISTANCE FROM THE CREEK. THE

RELATIVE FLOW RATE OF THAT TRIBUTARY COMPARED TO WHAT GOES ON IN THE CREEK IS -- IS LESS THAN -- GREATER THAN 10 TO ONE. SO THAT THE CHANCES OF THAT WATER COMING ACROSS THE CREEK AND IMPACTING PROPERTY ON THE OTHER SIDE, IS -- IS VERY MINIMAL. THE WATER THAT COMES DOWN THE CREEK IS FLOWING AT A RATE 10 TIMES GREATER THAN THE TRIBUTARY. SO THAT'S GOING TO TURN THAT WATER DOWNSTREAM. SO THE DEVELOPER HAS PROPOSED CONTAINING THAT WATER IN INFRASTRUCTURE WITHIN A DRAINAGE EASEMENT. SO IT WILL NOT BE GOING OUT ON LOTS WHERE PEOPLE LIVE. OUR CODE DOES NOT ALLOW THAT. YOU HAVE TO CONTAIN THIS WATER. THERE WILL BE NO -- NO LOTS AT RISK. THEY WILL BE OUT OF -- OUT OF THAT AREA OF THE TRIBUTARY AS WELL AS THE DEFINED FLOODPLAIN ON WEST, THE MAIN STEM OF WEST BOULDIN CREEK.

Futrell: NO FORMAL APPEAL PROCESS ON THE FEMA MAP? ANYONE CAN APPEAL -- A 10 DAY PERIOD THAT OPENS, THERE WILL BE AN ADVERTISEMENT IN THE PAPER IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS OPENING THAT 90 DAY APPEAL PERIOD. NEXT SPEAKER IS ANDREW DONOHO, FOLLOWED BY PAT JOHNSON, FOLLOWED BY SUSANA ALMANZA.

MY NAME IS ANDREW DONOHO, I REPRESENT MAYOR PRO TEM ON THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT [INDISCERNIBLE] I'M ALSO -- [INDISCERNIBLE] I WISH TO DISCUSS ISSUES BROUGHT BEFORE THE RMC THAT I BELIEVE HAVE BUSINESS AM INDICATIONS FOR OUR CITY. COPIES OF THE RESOLUTIONS ARE IN THE PACKET THAT I HAVE PROVIDED YOU VIA STAFF. BEFORE THAT I WISH TO ADDRESS A LIGHTER SIDE ISSUE. POWELL ROBINS A WELL KNOWN THORN IN MY SIDE, I'M SURE YOUR SIDE, TOO. PAUL ROBBINS. HAS BEEN HONORED BY THE RMC WITH A RESOLUTION, YET T PAUL HAS SPENT MANY YEARS WORKING ON CONSERVATION ISSUES IN AUSTIN, SOME OF THE FINANCIAL SOUNDNESS OF AUSTIN ENERGY IS DIRECTLY DUE TO HIS EFFORTS IN CONSERVATIONS FOR THE LAST 25 YEARS. THE RMC'S RESOLUTION WISHES TO RENAME THE DOWNTOWN COOLING PLANT IN HIS HONOR. JUST TO SHOW THAT RMC HAS NOT LOST ITS COLLECTIVE MIND, THEY DECLINED MY WHIMSICAL SUGGESTION THAT WE ADD A PAIR OF VERY THICK GLASSES TO THAT COOLING

PLANT. I ASK YOU TO SUPPORT THE RENAMING OF THIS PLANT IN HIS HONOR. NOW, ON TO MORE SERIOUS ISSUES. I'M HERE TO ADDRESS TWO OTHER RESOLUTIONS IN YOUR PACKET. THE FIRST CONCERNS THE RECENT VALUE OF SOLAR STUDY. THE SECOND RESOLUTION CONCERNS THE UPCOMING NEGOTIATION BETWEEN THE CITY AND TEXAS GAS AS MUCH AS FOR THE NEW 20 YEAR FRANCHISE AGREEMENT. THE FIRST RESOLUTION IS AN ATTEMPT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT ANY ANYTHING FUEL CHOICE IS A BUSINESS ECONOMIC AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ISSUE. AS SUCH THESE ISSUES HAVE LONG-TERM EFFECTS ON OUR COMMUNITY'S FINANCIAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH. THE RMC WISHES TO BRING THESE ENERGY CHOICES MUCH MORE OUT INTO THE OPEN. FOR EXAMPLE, THE SAND HILL NATURAL GAS PLANT WAS BUILT AND PUT IN SERVICE WITHOUT ANY PUBLIC DISCUSSION WITH RESPECT TO FUEL MANAGEMENT ISSUE BRS THE RMC. ISSUES BEFORE THE RMC. TODAY WE FIND MANY OF THOSE ASSUMPTIONS ABOUT FUEL COSTS AND SOCIETAL EFFECTS WERE BOTH WRONG ECONOMICALLY AND STRUCTURALLY. WHEN NO ONE CAN PREDICT THE FUTURE OF WHICH SAND HILL WAS BUILT, I FULLY UNDERSTAND THAT, BECAUSE THE DECISIONS WERE MADE IN THE ECHO CHAMBER OF AUSTIN ENERGY MANAGEMENT BOARD ROOM, WE DID NOT HAVE A CHANCE TO QUESTION THEIR ASSUMPTIONS, QUESTIONING THE ASSUMPTIONS IS THE KEY ISSUE IN MAKING ANY KIND OF LONG-TERM DECISION. DEMONSTRATING AND PROVIDING THE OPPORTUNITY TO QUESTION ASSUMPTIONS IN A LARGE ENERGY CAPITAL INVESTMENTS IS WITH THE RMC RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EXPANSION OF THE METHODOLOGY EMPLOYED IN THE VALVE SOLAR STUDY -- VALUE SOLAR STUDY END COURAGES. AS A BUSINESSMAN MYSELF I KNOW THE IMPORTANCE OF BEFORE YOU DENTS PLANNING. I EXPECT OUR PLANS AT AUSTIN ENERGY WILL OBJECT TO THIS METHODOLOGY. THAT SAID, BECAUSE AUSTIN CITIZENS WILL BEAR THE FRUIT AND RAMIFICATIONS OF THESE DECISIONS I WOULD LIKE THEM TO BE DONE MORE IN THE OPEN AND WHAT'S WHAT THE RESOLUTION PROVIDES. I GIVE YOU SOME EXAMPLES OF QUESTIONS THAT WILL BE NEED TO BE DISCUSSED PUBLICLY WITH RESPECT TO THE ENERGY GENERATION. AUSTIN POPULATION GROWTH. ACCORDING TO ENVISION CENTRAL

TEXAS TRAVIS COUNTY POPULATION WILL GROW 37% BY 2015 [BUZZER SOUNDING] AND -- I'M OUT OF TIME. IS THAT ONE MINUTE OR OUT?

Mayor Wynn: THAT WAS THREE MINUTES, YOU ARE OUT, BUT YOU CAN MAKE A -- CONCLUDE.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THERE ARE ISSUE THAT'S WE NEED TO ADDRESS PUBLICLY ABOUT ENERGY GENERATION. THE SECOND RESOLUTION IS EQUALLY IMPORTANT. WE ARE ABOUT TO NEGOTIATE A FRANCHISE AGREEMENT THAT HAS POTENTIALLY A 20 YEAR LIFETIME. 20 YEARS AGO WE NEGOTIATED AN AGREEMENT AND THE NATURAL GAS BUSINESS HAS CHANGED DRAMATICALLY IN THAT TIME. I BELIEVE WE NEED TO LOOK VERY CAREFULLY AT THIS ISSUE. ALSO AS A BUSINESSMAN I BELIEVE THAT OUR CITY COUNCIL NEEDS NEGOTIATING OPTIONS AND I HAVE ASKED AUSTIN ENERGY TO PERFORM A DUE DILIGENCE ABOUT VIGILANTING SOME OF THOSE OPTIONS. I HAVE DISCUSSED THIS WITH ROGER DUNCAN AND MICHAEL McLUSKY, THEY ARE SUPPORTIVE BUT WANT TO LOOK AT OTHER WAYS OF GETTING THIS ECONOMIC CAP THAN THE RESOLUTION ITSELF PRETEND. THAT SAID WE HAVE A VERY SHORT TIME LINE ON THIS BECAUSE I BELIEVE NEGOTIATIONS WILL HAVE TO COMPLETE IN JULY FOR COUNCIL TO ADDRESS THEM IN AUGUST. SO I APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT IN HELPING AUSTIN ENERGY AND ENCOURAGING THEM TO DO THIS STUDY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

THANK YOU. COUNCILMEMBER KIM?

Kim: THANK YOU FOR SERVING ON THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION AND LOOKING AT THE ISSUE THAT'S YOU -- THAT YOU PAID CLOSE ATTENTION TO IN TERMS OF AUSTIN ENERGY IN PARTICULAR. OWE WANTED TO LEGALITY YOU -- I WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW THAT I HAVE WORD THAT THE ELECTRIC UTILITY COMMISSION IS ALSO REOPENING THEIR EXAMINATION OF THE VALUE OF SOLAR STUDY, THEY WANT TO COORDINATE WITH YOUR COMMISSION. SO -- SO TO COORDINATE YOUR EFFORTS WITH THEM. AND SO I --

WE WILL BE DOING.

THANK YOU.

WE WILL BE DOING SO. THOUGH I AM TALKING ABOUT PRECEDENT SETTING ABOUT ALL FUEL CHOICES IN THIS CASE. SOLAR IS A VERY GOOD STUDY. I THINK IT HAS FLAWS THAT I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS, BUT THIS IS A -- AN IMPORTANT CASE THAT WE ARE -- PRECEDENT THAT WE ACTUALLY HAVE SUCH A STUDY.

Kim: THE ELECTRIC UTILITY COMMISSION ALSO THINKS IT'S AN IMPORTANT POLICY DECISION THAT THE COUNCIL MAKES, THEY WANT TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION AS WELL. THEY THINK THAT IT'S APPROPRIATE THAT YOU WORK WITH THEM AS WELL.

WE WILL BE WORKING WITH THEM CLOSELY.

Kim: THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER IS PAT JOHNSON.

GOOD AFTERNOON, COUNCIL. [INAUDIBLE - NO MIC] BACK MANY YEARS AGO, CITY STAFF CHANGED A POLICY THAT REQUIRED DEVELOPERS TO HAVE IN PLACE THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND STORM WATER FACILITY CLEAR BEFORE LOTS COULD BE DEEDED AND CONSTRUCTION COULD BEGIN. [READING GRAPHIC] [READING GRAPHIC] [READING GRAPHIC] RIVERSIDE MEADOWS SITS RIGHT NEXT DOOR TO MY HOUSE. IT'S OVERGROWN WITH WEEDS, BUSHES, AND WE HAVE GOT SEVERE EROSION OVER THERE. [READING GRAPHIC] YOU.

KNOW, SO IT'S REAL SIMPLE. WHY ARE THEY ALLOWED TO BEGIN BUILDING HOUSES WHEN THEY HAVE [INDISCERNIBLE] TO WORK. HERE'S A VIDEO HERE I WANT TO SHOW YOU ALL WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT. RIVERSIDE MEADOWS STORM WATER FACILITY OVER BY MY HOUSE. THIS IS WHAT THE GRASS IS SUPPOSED TO LOOK LIKE. IN THE POND. THIS IS WHAT -- THIS IS WHAT I LOOK AT EVERY DAY OUT OF MY WINDOW. THIS IS NOT WHAT THE SITE PLAN CALLED FOR. THERE'S NO VEGETATION. SO WE HAVE A HEAVY RAIN, ALL

OF THE SEDIMENT GOES DOWN INTO THE POND. THE POND IS FILLING UP WITH SEDIMENT. RIGHT HERE. THERE'S NO VEGETATION. CENTEX IS IN THE -- THE PROBLEM RIGHT NOW OF SPEEDING UP WITH THE CONTRACTORS PHASE 2 OF RIVERSIDE MEADOWS COMPLETED. THEY SHOULD BE FORBIDDEN TO PUT ANY HOUSES ON THAT PHASE 2 UNTIL THEY CORRECT THESE ISSUES. LOOK AT THE EROSION IN THE LEVIES. WOULDN'T BE THAT PROBLEM IF WE HAD VEGETATION IN THERE. JUST LIKE THE DRAINAGE CHALLENGE. IT'S ALL ERODED OUT OF THERE BECAUSE THERE AIN'T NO VEGETATION IN THE CHANNEL. YOU KNOW, RIGHT HERE IS A TRICKLE CHANNEL THAT GOES DOWN THE MIDDLE. ABOUT 30 FEET IS COVERED UP ABOUT SIX INCHES OF SEDIMENT. BLUZ[BUZZER SOUNDING] HERE CRACKS GOING ACROSS THE TRICKLE [INDISCERNIBLE] THIS IS HOW THE CONTRACTOR DOES THING. THEY WANT TO PUT PATCH OVER THE CONCRETE. WE ARE DEALING WITH THIS PROBLEM OUT AT THE AIRPORT WITH THE GARAGES, BROKEN CONCRETE. THE CITY SHOULD DEMAND MORE OR WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO TAKE THEM OVER. WE SHOULDN'T HAVE TO DO REPAIRS THAT THE CONTRACTOR, DEVELOPER IS PAYING FOR. THAT'S OBVIOUS CRACK. COUPLE, I WILL ASK IF YOU REVISIT WITH LAURA HUFFMAN WERK NEED IT SET IN POLICY THE WAY IT USED TO BE, AND THAT NO PROBLEM DEEDS BE ISSUED TO DEVELOPERS UNTIL THEY GET A FINAL INSPECTION ON THE ENTIRE SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN. THANK YOU, COUNCIL.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. JOHNSON. NEXT SPEAKER IS SUSANA ALMANZA, WELCOME, YOU WILL BE FOLLOWED BY JOHN -- ACTUALLY FOLLOWED BY SHUDY SHUDY FATH. GOOD AFTERNOON, MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS, I'M SUSANA ALMANZA WITH PODER, ALSO HERE IS ERICA GONZALEZ WHO IS THE CO-DIRECTOR NOW OF PODER AND IN THE PAST COORDINATED OUR YOUNG SCHOLARS FOR JUSTICE PROGRAM. WE ARE HERE TODAY TO GIVE THANKS TO COUNCILMAN RAUL ALVAREZ FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY. RAUL WORKED ON SO MANY COMMUNITY ISSUES BEFORE HE EVEN GOT ON THE COUNCIL. AND WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN FOLLOWING THROUGH ON A LOT OF THOSE. ONE OF THE BIG ISSUES WAS THE TRANSPORTATION ISSUE WHERE WE HAD WORKED TO RESTRUCTURE THE

BOND AIRPORT INTERSECTION. WHERE WE HAD NUMEROUS ACCIDENTS AND ACTUALLY SOME FATALITY ACCIDENTS. THAT -- THAT INTERSECTION HAS NOW ALSO BEEN IMPROVED AND FIXED AND WE ALSO WANT TO THANK COUNCILMAN ALVAREZ FOR BRINGING ALL OF HIS TRANSPORTATION AND PLANNING SKILLS TO THE COMMUNITY. THE OTHER THING IS THAT HE'S WORKED TIRELESSLY TO MAKE SURE THAT THE HOLLY POWER PLANT GETS CLOSED A LOT EARLIER TO PROTECT THE WELFARE OF THE COMMUNITY. SO HE'S WORKED HARD ON, YOU KNOW, TRANSPORTATION ISSUES, ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUE, COMMUNITY ISSUES, HE WAS ALSO INSTRUMENTAL IN PUTTING TOGETHER THE ROY GUERRERA COLORADO RIVER PARK THAT WE HAVE EACH YEAR IN HELPING US TO PROTECT THE COLORADO RIVER AND TO RECOGNIZE THAT'S THE FACILITY FOR THE COMMUNITY. I WANT TO TURN IT OVER BRIEFLY TO ERICA GONZALEZ.

GOOD AFTERNOON, MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND GOOD AFTERNOON RAUL. I ALSO AM GRATEFUL AND WOULD LIKE TO GIVE MY THANKS TO RAUL FOR BEING AN ADVOCATE FOR YOUTH ISSUES, FOR ACKNOWLEDGING ALL OF THE WORK THAT THE YOUNG SCHOLARS FOR JUSTICE HAVE DONE THROUGHOUT THE PAST SUMMERS, WORKING ON ISSUES IN EAST AUSTIN. AND I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO THANK RAUL FOR HIS ADVOCACY IN ISSUES, ESPECIALLY IN THE AUSTIN PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND FOR PUTTING FORTH THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE THE SERVICES. SO -- SO I WOULD LIKE TO ALSO -- TO READ A DEDICATION THAT WE HAVE MADE AND A GIFT THAT WE WILL GIVE YOU A POETRY AND -- A BOOK, A BOOK WITH YOUNG SCHOLARS FOR JUSTICE POETRY AND PAINTINGS THAT WE JUST PUT TOGETHER THIS PAST SUMMER. IT SAYS TO RAUL ALVAREZ FOR YOUR WORK PROMOTING A CLEAN ENVIRONMENT, PROTECTING PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY AND ADVANCING THE GOAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE FOR ALL PEOPLE, THANK YOU, PODER AND PODER YOUNG SCHOLARS FOR JUSTICE.

IF YOU WOULD COME DOWN, WE HAVE AS A SYMBOL OF OUR THANKS TO YOU IS A -- IS OUR REPUTATION OF ALL -- REPRESENTATION OF ALL OF THOSE PARTICULAR ISSUES.

THANK YOU SO MUCH.

WE HAVE THE ROY GUERRERO KEEPERS OF THE COLORADO RIVER PARK, WE ALSO HAVE THE [INDISCERNIBLE] AS WE WORKED [INAUDIBLE - NO MIC]

SCHOLARS FOR JUSTICE T-SHIRTS.

ORIGINAL YOUNG SCHOLARS. [LAUGHTER] THANK YOU SO MUCH.

THANK YOU.

I APPRECIATE IT. THANK ALL FOR YOUR CONTINUED WORK ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY. YOU CAN COUNT ON ME [INAUDIBLE - NO MIC] SIDE BY SIDE WITH YOU GOING FORWARD.

THANK NEW THANKS SO MUCH.

APPRECIATE IT.

PLEASE JOIN ME IN CONGRATULATING COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ. [ APPLAUSE ] NEXT SPEAKER IS SHUDDE FATH.

THANK YOU, MAYOR, THIS IS A RESOLUTION PASSED UNANIMOUS BY THE SAVE BARTON CREEK ASSOCIATION ON MAY 8th. IF HECTOR RUIZ THE SAVE BARTON CREEK ASSOCIATION COMMITS TO ACQUIRING ENOUGH LAND IN THE BARTON SPRINGS WATERSHED TO ERECT A PERMANENT MARKER, IN 2006 [ONE MOMENT PLEASE FOR CHANGE IN CAPTIONERS]

SOME OF US BRAINSTORMED ABOUT FINANCING AND -- AN INDEPENDENT SURVEY ASKING A.M.D.'S CURRENT EMPLOYEES WHERE THEY WOULD PREFER THE NEW HEADQUARTERS. IN MY OPINION, THE 64% OF EMPLOYEES NOT NOW LIVING SOUTHWEST PROBABLY WOULD PREFER A MORE CENTRAL LOCATION, PERHAPS EVEN THE MAYOR'S VIBRANT DOWNTOWN. WE ALSO ARE WILLING TO PAY FOR CHAUFFEURED VEHICLES TO TAKE HECTOR RUIZ TO AND FROM WORK SO HE WOULDN'T HAVE TO DRIVE IN AUSTIN TRAFFIC. HE LIVES ON BARTON CREEK BOULEVARD AND

THUS CAN AVOID AUSTIN TRAFFIC BY DRIVING WEST TO SOUTHWEST PARKWAY AND TO TO LANTANA. A.M.D. SPENT MILLIONS TRYING TO BUY PUBLIC APPROVAL OF ITS CONTROVERSIAL MOVE TO THE BARTON SPRINGS WATERSHED. THE MOST RIDICULOUS ARE THE DOZEN OR SO HALF PAGE ADS WITH NUMBERS IN GREEN INK. ONE SHOWS THAT 0% OF LANTANA IS IN THE EDWARD'S AQUIFER RECHARGE ZONE. THIS AD IGNORES THE TRUTH THAT WATER RUNS DOWNHILL. RUNOFF FROM LANTANA IN THE CONTRIBUTING ZONE FLOWS DOWNHILL TO THE RECHARGE ZONE WHERE SYCAMORE CREEK CARRIES IT TO -- TO BARTON CREEK. LANTANA IS ON A HILL AT AN ELEVATION THAT IS 450 FEET HIGHER THAN THE ELEVATION AT BARTON CREEK ONLY THREE MILES AWAY. SINCE I PREFER THE POSITIVE TO NEGATIVES, I'M PROPOSING HONORS AND ACCOLADES FOR HECTOR RUIZ. IF HE WILL RECOGNIZE OUR COMMUNITY VALUES AND GIVE UP THE WATERSHED SITE. I VOLUNTEER TO CHAIR A FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN TO ERECT A STATUE OR LAUDTORY MARKER HONORING HIM. IF HE MOVES OFF THE WATERSHED, I WOULD HOPE THE CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS WOULD HONOR HIM AT THE CLOSE OF THIS YEAR. I ALSO HOPE THE CITY COUNCIL WOULD NAME SOMETHING IMPORTANT FOR MR. RUIZ. IF HE HEAL THIS IS DIVISIVE SPLIT AMONG AUSTIN CITIZENS. LAST YEAR THE CITY COUNCIL GREATLY HONORED ME WITH SHUDDE FATH'S NAME ON 83 ACRES OF OPEN SPACE AT LOOP 360 AND 290. I HEREBY OFFER TO SUPPORT CHANGING THAT NAME TO HECTOR RUIZ TRACT IF HE MOVES A.M.D.'S HEADQUARTERS OFF THE WATERSHED. AND IN MY OPINION, THE RECENT DIVISIVE AND RUSHED UP PROP 2 CAME FROM A.M.D.'S CHOICE OF LAND TAN THAT FOR AN 850,000 SQUARE FOOT HEADQUARTERS COMPLEX. THANKS FOR LISTENING, I WILL BE GLAD TO TRY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

[ APPLAUSE ] THANK YOU, QUESTIONS FROM STAFF, COUNCIL? THANK YOU.

THANK YOU. LAST SPEAKER IS MARY ALICE KEYES, WELCOME, THREE MINUTES.

GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS MARY ALICE KEYES. I'M HERE AS A STAKEHOLDER, AS A REPRESENTATIVE FOR A LOCAL FREE ONLINE COMMUNITY READY TO LAUNCH. THE

AUSTIN URBAN GRID IS A GO TARGETED COMMUNITY SERVING A SEGMENT OF AUSTIN'S POPULATION. HOWEVER, WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT ALL URBAN ISSUES. WE ARE NOT A LOBBYIST ORGANIZATION OR WATCH DOG GROUP, HENCE WE WILL DONATE OUR TIME WHEN ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY TO ISSUES AFFECTING OUR USERS, QUALITY OF LIFE. WE ARE PLEASED SOME INVESTIGATION HAS OCCURRED IN TERMS OF AUSTIN ENERGY'S ABILITY TO MANAGE THE POWER OUTAGE EARLIER THIS MONTH. WE HOPE THE PROBE CONTINUES BE THE FRIDAY AFTER THE POWER OUTAGE TURNED OUT TO BE ANOTHER DAY I DONATED MY TIME. UNFORTUNATELY, IT WAS A WASTED EFFORT. DURING THE COURSE OF THAT BUSINESS DAY, I SPOKE AT LENGTH VIA TELEPHONE WITH SEVERAL CITY DEPARTMENTS. I PERSONALLY SHOWED UP AT THE MAYOR'S OFFICE AND THE AUSTIN ENERGY OFFICE. ALL OF THIS EFFORT RESULTED IN A NET LOSS. NOTHING HAPPENED AND THE MAJORITY OF MY STREET WENT WITHOUT POWER FOR SEVERAL DAYS. MY SITUATION WAS COM COMPOUNDED BY MY GRINDER PUMP POWERED BY ELECTRIC. THEY ARE PUT IN TO HELP SEWAGE TRAVEL UPHILL TO THE VET. IF THAT GRINDER PUMP STOPS WORKING DUE TO A LACK OF ELECTRICITY, RAW SEWAGE WILL OOZE OUT AND RUN OVER. A CITY OF AUSTIN REPRESENTATIVE ADMITTED THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE HAVE THESE PUMPS IN THE CITY. AND THERE IS NO CONTINGENCY PLAN TO PRIORITIZE THOSE DWELLINGS. THERE'S ALSO NO SPECIAL PROTOCOL TO PRIORITIZE THE ELDERLY, THE DISABLED,, OR THOSE ON OXYGEN. 911 IS THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE. THERE'S A SECTION IN AUSTIN ENERGY'S COMPUTER SYSTEM THAT ALLOWS REPRESENTATIVES TO ENTER SPECIAL NEEDS IN A REMARKS AREA. HOWEVER, AUSTIN ENERGY DOES NOT UTILIZE THOSE REMARKS IN THEIR MASTER PLAN FOR POWER RESTORATION. WE SHOULD VIEW IN OUTAGE AS A WAKEUP CALL. WE NEED TO CHECK AND RECHECK OUR ENTIRE EMERGENCY PLAN FOR THE CITY. CERTAIN PEOPLE HAVE MADE A CONSCIOUS CHOICE TO LIVE IN THE URBAN CORE, AS A RESULT WE ARE VULNERABLE. WE PUT OUR TRUST IN CITY OFFICIALS AND CITY SERVICES. IF OUR BASIC NEEDS AND SERVICES ARE NOT TAKEN CARE OF PROPERLY, THERE IS NO TELLING WHAT CAN HAPPEN. THE NEW ORLEANS SITUATION IS AN EXTREME CASE STUDY

ILLUSTRATING THIS POINT. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MS. KEYES, SORRY IF I'M MISPRONOUNCING THAT.

Futrell: MARY ALICE, IF YOU MIGHT BE WILLING, WE ARE PULLING TOGETHER SOME FOCUS GROUPS OF FOLKS WHO WENT THROUGH THIS IN EACH OF THE NEIGHBORHOODS. YOUR ISSUE ON GRINDER PUMPS FOR EXAMPLE IS SOMETHING THAT HASN'T COME OUT IN THE AFTER ACTION REPORT F. YOU DON'T MIND I MIGHT CONTACT YOU AND ASK YOU IF YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO GIVE US FEEDBACK FOR THAT PROCESS.

YES, I APPRECIATE YOUR ATTENTION ON THAT.

THANK YOU. COUNCIL, THAT CONCLUDES OUR GENERAL CITIZEN COMMUNICATION. SO WITHOUT OBJECTION OR FURTHER COMMENTS, ON THESE ISSUES, WE WILL NOW GO INTO CLOSED SESSION I'M SORRY, WE HAVE -- I SEE THAT CAROL ANNE ROSE KENNEDY JOINED US. WELCOME WE CALLED YOUR NAME EARLIER. YOU ARE WELCOME TO ADDRESS US, YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES.

YES.

I'M SORRY I'M LATE. MY TIMING IS A LITTLE DISCOMBOBULATED STILL, BUT THANK YOU FOR ACCOMMODATING ME. TODAY I NEED TO TALK ABOUT THE AUSTIN COPS AND JEWEL LIEJULIESHROUD DER AND THE FIRST MEXICAN GRINGA STANDOFF IN AMERICA. JULIE SINCE THE POWER THAT'S BE WANT TO MAKE A BIRACIAL PROFILING, I WANT TO STAND UP TO THEM. I WANT TO STAND BESIDE YOU, I WANT TO STAND BEHIND YOU AS YOUR SISTER, AS YOUR FRIEND, AS A FELLOW WHITE MAN, AS A MOTHER. I AM OVERFLOWING WITH FREE ADVICE. ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS ASK. I INVITE AND ENCOURAGE YOU TO CALL ME. I AM CAROL ANNE ROSE KENNEDY, I'M IN THE WHITE PAGES. NO PUN INTENDED AT 512-282-3660. MY WHITE HOUSE, NO PUN INTENDED, IS AT 2903 CROWNS POINT. WHEN A MAN BECOMES AFRAID OF BEING KILLED AND RUNNING AWAY IS NOT AN OPTION, SHE ONLY HAD HA A TEXAS SECOND TO DECIDE WHEN AND IF TO PULL THAT

TRIGGER. IT DOESN'T MATTER IF SHE HAS A BADGE ON OR OFF OR IF SHE'S BLACK OR WHITE OR PURPLE WITH PINK POLKA DOTS. I HAVE A QUESTION FOR THE CHIEF OF POLICE STAN KNEE AND I WANT AN ANSWER. IN YOUR POLICE TRAINING MANUAL 101, YOU MIGHT SUGGEST THAT YOUR AUSTIN COPS, IF THEY FEEL THE NEED TO SHOOT A MAN, AIM AT HIS FOOT OR HIS ASS, HOPEFULLY THE BULLET WILL GO OUT THROUGH THE OTHER SIDE AND AT LEAST HE WILL LIVE TO TELL THE TALE. A MEXICAN TEXAS RANGER BROKE MY RIGHT ARM. HE'S THE ONLY MAN WHOEVER HIT ME AND I GO BACK HALF A CENTURY AS A WHITE WOMAN BORN AND RAISED IN AMERICA. HE YELLED AT ME FOR JAY WALKING. I SMILED AND WE PARTED WAYS AND I GOT ON THE BUS TO GO TO WORK. I WAS DRESSED JUST LIKE I AM TODAY. THE MEXICAN TEXAS RANGER DRAGGED ME OFF THE BUS, BROKE MY RIGHT ARM AND CALLED FOR BACKUP. ENTER FOUR AUSTIN COPS. ALL OF WHO HAD WHITE ASSES, NONE OF WHOM HAD BALLS.

Mayor Wynn: MS. KENNEDY, WE WOULD APPRECIATE IF YOU DON'T USE THAT KIND OF LANGUAGE HERE. WE HAVE THIS FORUM AVAILABLE FOR CITIZENS TO COME ADDRESS US AND MAKE POINTS. I BELIEVE POINTS CAN BE MADE WITHOUT USE OF SOME OF THESE WORDS.

OKAY. CAN I SAY BLANK INSTEAD, WOULD THAT WORK? I APOLOGIZE. THE FIRST ONE KISSES THE -- THE MEXICAN TEXAS RANGER GOODBYE. THE SECOND ONE FOLLOWED ME INTO THE PUBLIC BATHROOM, WALKED INTO THE NEXT STALL, STOOD ON THE TOILET, LOOKED OVER AND WATCHED WHILE I CHANGED MY -- [BUZZER SOUNDING] TAMPAX LEFT HANDED AND PULLED UP MY SWEATY PANTY HOSE LEFT HANDED. THE THIRD AUSTIN COP STOOD HOLDING THE BATHROOM DOOR OPEN SO THAT ALL OF THE RESTAURANT STAFF AND PATRONS COULD HEAR THE GOINGS ON. NOT TO -- NEVER MIND.

Mayor Wynn: PLEASE CONCLUDE YOUR TIME EXPIRED.

LAST AND -- OKAY. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. COUNCIL, THAT CONCLUDES THIS WEEK'S GENERAL CITIZENS COMMUNICATION. WITHOUT

FURTHER COMMENT OR OBJECTION, WE WILL NOW GO INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.071 OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT TO DISCUSS POTENTIALLY AGENDA ITEM NO. 67, LEGAL ISSUES REGARDING THE JOSIE ELLEN CHAMPION ET AL VERSUS CITY OF AUSTIN LAWSUIT. I ANTICIPATE US DOING THIS AS BRIEFLY AS WE CAN IN ORDER FOR US TO COME BACK AND THEN BEGIN THE DETAILED BUDGET POLICY DISCUSSION. WE WILL THEN HAVE A COUPLE OF TIME CERTAIN DISCUSSION ITEMS, OUR M/W.B.E. ORDINANCE ISSUE, TAXICAB ORDINANCE ISSUE IN ORDER FOR US TO -- TO SAVE ALL OF THE EVENING TESTIMONIAL TIME FOR OUR POTENTIAL BOND ELECTION IN NOVEMBER. SO WITHOUT OAK, WE ARE NOW IN CLOSED SESSION. THANK YOU. WITHOUT OBJECTION WE ARE NOW IN CLOSED SESSION, THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, CITY MANAGER. OUR ANNUAL BUDGET PROCESS IS A KEY COMPONENT, IS A KEY COMPONENT OF OUR COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING STRATEGIES, SO BEFORE LAYING OUT OUR AGENDA THAT TOBY TALKED ABOUT, LET ME FIRST GO OVER WHERE WE ARE IN THE BUDGET TIME LINE. ABOUT A MONTH AGO, WE WERE BEFORE CITY COUNCIL TO PRESENT A FIVE YEAR FINANCIAL OUTLOOK FOR THE CITY. THAT FORECAST SERVED TWO PURPOSES. THE FIRST WAS STRATEGIC TO IDENTIFY ISSUES THAT WILL SET THE CONTEXT FOR THE UPCOMING YEARS. THE SECOND, IT ALSO SETS THE FOUNDATION FOR THE FY 2007 BUDGET. TODAY WE ARE BEFORE YOU TO GET DIRECTION ON A WIDE RANGE OF POLICY ISSUES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007 THAT WILL HELP US, THAT WILL HELP GUIDE US AS WE BEGIN TO PREPARE THE CITY MANAGER'S PROPOSED BUDGET. WE DO NOT YET HAVE A PROPOSED BUDGET. IN FACT WE WILL SPEND THE NEXT SIX TO SEVEN YEARS INCORPORATING YOUR POLICY DIRECTION AND WORKING THROUGH A VARIETY OF OUTSTANDING ISSUES. FOR EXAMPLE, OUR FINAL HEALTH INSURANCE COSTS, OUR FUEL COSTS THAT WILL HAVE AN EFFECT ON THE BUDGET AND THE GENERAL FUND'S ENDING BALANCE. THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE PRESENTED TO YOU ON JULY 27th. AND THEN DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST, THERE WILL BE BRIEFINGS ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET AND PUBLIC HEARINGS. ON SEPTEMBER 11th THROUGH 13th, YOU ARE SCHEDULED FOR BUDGET

READINGS TO APPROVE THE 2006-2007 BUDGET. AS TOBY MENTIONED EARLIER, TODAY'S POLICY PRESENTATION HAS THREE COMPONENTS. FIRST I WILL RECAP THE FINANCIAL FORECAST FOCUSING ESPECIALLY ON OUR FORECAST FOR FISCAL YEAR '07, WHICH AGAIN WILL SERVE AS THE STARTING POINT FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE '07 BUDGET. IN FISCAL YEAR 2007 BUDGET THAT WE WILL PRESENT TO YOU IN JULY WILL BE A BEAR BONES BUDGET. BARE BONES BUDGET. ALL DRIVEN BY COUNCIL POLICY. EXAMPLES ARE INCREASES RELATED TO OUR PUBLIC SAFETY CONTRACTS AND INCREASES FROM STAFFING ADDITIONS, FOR EXAMPLE, ADDING A.P.D. OFFICERS TO MAINTAIN OR 2.0 RATIO OR FROM OPENING A NEW FACILITY. OTHER EXAMPLES ARE ENHANCEMENTS TO OUR PAY PACKAGE FOR OUR WORKFORCE AND FOR HEALTH INSURANCE. IT WILL NOT INCLUDE FUNDING TO COPE WITH INCREASED DEMAND ON THE RESOURCES THAT RESULTED FROM TWO DISTINCT FACTORS. GROWTH AND PRIOR YEAR REDUCTIONS. HOWEVER, AS YOU KNOW, ONE OF THE STEPS IN OUR ANNUAL BUDGET PROCESS IS A VULNERABILITY ANALYSIS WITH OUR DEPARTMENTS. THIS STEP GIVES OUR DEPARTMENTS THROUGHOUT THE CITY AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW CITY MANAGEMENT WHERE THEY BELIEVE THEY HAVE SERVICE DELIVERY PROBLEMS OR WHERE THEY SEE COMPELLING SERVICE DELIVERY OPPORTUNITIES. THE SECOND PART OF OUR DISCUSSION TODAY WILL FOCUS ON THE RESULTS OF THIS ANALYSIS. IN THIS PART THE CITY MANAGER WILL WALK YOU THROUGH WHAT WE BELIEVE ARE SERVICE PRIORITIES FOR STRATEGIC ADDS. BECAUSE WE ARE STILL TRYING TO CLOSE THE 2.2 MILLION STRUCTURAL, \$2.2 MILLION STRUCTURAL GAP IN OUR GENERAL FUND, THESE STRATEGIC ADDS ARE NOT CURRENTLY FUNDED AND MOST, IF NOT ALL OF THEM, WILL LIKEWISE NOT BE FUNDED WHEN WE PRESENT THE PROPOSED BUDGET IN JULY. HOWEVER, THEY REPRESENT MANAGEMENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR WHERE WE COULD CONTINUE TO ADD BACK SERVICE -- SERVICE CAPACITY, IF COUNCIL MAKES THE POLICY DECISION TO ENHANCE OUR BASE BUDGET BEYOND THE BASE BUDGET AND COST DRIVERS. WE BELIEVE THESE FIRST TWO STEPS LAY OUT THE CONTEXT FOR PREPARING THE '07 BUDGET, WHERE WE ARE IN TERMS OF OUR BASE BUDGET AND OUR COST DRIVERS

AND POSSIBLE ENHANCEMENTS TO THE BUDGET. SO THE LAST STEP TODAY WILL THEN BE A POLICY DISCUSSION IN WHICH WE WILL ASK YOU TO CONFIRM YOUR SUPPORT, FOR THE POLICIES THAT WE WILL USE AS ASSUMPTIONS IN PREPARING THE UPCOMING BUDGET. ALSO WE WILL SEEK YOUR END PUT FOR ADDITIONAL POLICY AREAS THAT COUNCIL BELIEVES WE SHOULD ADDRESS AS WE BEGIN THE PROCESS OF PUTTING THE PROPOSED BUDGET TOGETHER. LET'S BEGIN WITH A QUICK RECAP OF OUR FINANCIAL FORECAST. THIS SLIDE IS THE SUMMARY OF THE GENERAL FUND FORECAST WE SHOWED TO YOU ON APRIL 27th. LOOKING FIRST AT OUR CURRENTS YEAR, FY 2006 BUDGET, WE ARE IN STRUCTURAL BALANCE. 481.6 MILLION IN BUDGET REVENUE AND THE SAME AMOUNT IN SCPEENTTURE EXPENDITURES. WE ARE --

BUT ARE ALSO PROJECTING AN ADDITIONAL \$900,000 IN EXPENDITURES IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT RELATED TO THE CANCELLATION OF THE CADET CLASS AND ENHANCED STAFFING FOR BACKFILL OVERTIME. THAT RESULTS IN A \$7.3 MILLION IN ADDITIONAL ENDING BALANCE. HOWEVER THAT WILL BE OFFSET BY A \$1.4 MILLION ADJUST TO GAP RELATED TO THE ACCRUED PAYROLL, THE NET OF THIS, \$5.8 MILLION IS THE ADDITIONAL ONE-TIME MONEY THAT WE DISCUSSED EARLIER THAT WILL GO INTO OUR BUDGET STABILIZATION RESERVE FUND FOR ONE-TIME EXPENDITURES. MOST OF THE ADDITIONAL REVENUE WE ARE PROJECTING FOR THIS YEAR IS SALES TAX REVENUE. AS OUR SALES TAX CONTINUES TO COME IN ABOVE OUR PROJECTIONS FOR THIS YEAR, WE WILL DISCUSS IN MORE DETAIL HOW THIS ADDITIONAL REVENUE WILL BE HANDLED IN THE POLICY DISCUSSION SECTION AS THE CITY MANAGER MENTIONED EARLIER THIS MORNING. HOWEVER, SINCE THIS IS NOT ONGOING REVENUE, I WILL NOTE UP FRONT THAT IT'S ALREADY ENTIRELY COMMITTED UNDER OUR EXISTING FUND RESERVE POLICIES AND ABSENT A POLICY CHANGE, IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR APPROPRIATION. LOOKING FORWARD THEN TO FY '07, YOU SEE A GAP OF 2.2 MILLION. ALTHOUGH WE PROJECT WE WILL RECEIVE 38.1 MILLION IN MORE REVENUE IN '07 THAN WE HAD IN '06, WE ARE ALSO PROJECTING TO ADD 40.3 MILLION IN COST DRIVERS, THUS THE 2.2 MILLION STRUCTURAL GAP. WHILE OUR FOCUS TODAY IS ON THE '07

BUDGET, PROPOSED BUDGET, I WOULD REMIND YOU EVEN AFTER WE CLOSE THE 2.2 MILLION STRUCTURAL GAP IN '07, WE WILL STILL HAVE A GAP OF 6 PONY 7 MILLION IN 20082008 BECAUSE OUR COST DRIVERS CONTINUE TO OUTSTRIP OR PROJECTED REVENUE, THAT CONTINUES OUT IN THE LATER YEARS OF THE FORECAST AS WELL. AS WE DISCUSSED DURING THE FINANCIAL FORECAST PRESENTATION, IN LINE WITH THE ECONOMIC OUTLOOK THAT WE RECEIVED, OUR REVENUE PROJECTIONS ARE AGGRESSIVE. THIS SLIDE BREAKS OUT THE REVENUE COMPONENT OF THE PREVIOUS SLIDE INTO THE MAJOR CATEGORIES OF REVENUE, SO YOU REQUEST SEE THE GROWTH THAT WE ARE -- SO YOU CAN SEE THE GROWTH THAT WE ARE PROJECTING WITH TOTAL REVENUE GROWTH EACH YEAR IN THE LAST ROW OF THE SLIDE HERE. PROPERTY TAX, INCREASED PROJECTION FOR EACH YEAR WITH THE INCREASES COMING FROM PROJECTED NEW VALUE ON THE TAX ROLLS, NOT FROM TAX INCREASES. AS THESE PROJECTIONS ASSUME WE WILL STAY AT THE EFFECTIVE TAX RATE EACH YEAR. OUR PROJECTION FOR SALES TAX SHOW AN INCREASE EACH YEAR FOR APPROXIMATELY 10 OR \$11 MILLION. IN THE EARLIER YEARS OF THE FORECAST, THIS INCREASE IS DUE TO AGGRESSIVE ASSUMPTIONS AS TO HOW SALES TAX WILL INCREASE PERCENTAGE-WISE OVER THE PRIOR YEAR. IN THE LATER YEARS, THE PERCENTAGE GROWTH IS LOWER, BUT THE BASE IS HIGHER. WE ANTICIPATE INCREASES IN EACH CATEGORY OF REVENUE AND WE BELIEVE THE ASSUMPTIONS AGAIN ARE AGGRESSIVE. LET'S MOVE OUR FOCUS ON THE UPCOMING PROPOSED BUDGET YEAR FOR FISCAL YEAR '07, WHERE YOU SEE THE REVENUE ASSUMPTIONS THAT WE PROPOSE TO USE IN PREPARING THE BUDGET. AGAIN, WE WILL DELIVER A BARE BONES BUDGET TO YOU THAT IN -- IN JULY THAT ASSUMES ADDING ONLY OUR COST DRIVERS, THAT WILL BE PREPARED AT THE EFFECTIVE TAX RATE. OUR CURRENT ESTIMATE FOR THAT EFFECTIVE TAX RATE IS 40.62 CENTS, WHICH IS A SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTION OVER OUR CURRENT RATE OF 44.3 BY ABOUT 3.6 CENTS. PLEASE NOTE THAT WE WILL NOT KNOW THE FINAL RATE UNTIL THE TRAVIS COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT DELIVERS OUR CERTIFIED TAX ROLL AT THE END OF JULY, THIS MEANS THAT THE FINAL RATE BASED ON THE CERTIFIED ROLL WILL LIKELY DIFFER FROM WHAT

WE HAVE IN THE -- IN THE CITY MANAGER'S PROPOSED BUDGET SINCE WE WILL ACTUALLY GO TO THE PRINTER BEFORE WE GET THAT INFORMATION FROM T CAD. WE ARE ASSUMING AN OVERALL INCREASE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF 12.2% OR 6.4 BILLION. THIS INCREASE, OF COURSE, IS WHAT'S DRIVING SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTION IN OUR EFFECTIVE TAX RATE.

I APPRECIATE IT, AS WE GO FORWARD, IF YOU COULD HELP US BY BREAKING THAT DOWN INTO THE DELTA OF COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES VERSUS THAT OF RESIDENTIAL AND EVEN THAT OF HOMESTEAD RESIDENTIAL IF POSSIBLE. THANK YOU.

MAYOR, I HAVE A SLIDE FOR THAT, I BELIEVE THAT I WILL BE ABLE TO GO TO THAT AND SHOW YOU THAT.

Mayor Wynn: IF YOU ARE GETTING TO IT, WE CAN WAIT.

WHEN WE WRAP UP, I WILL GO BACK TO THAT AND SHOW YOU THAT. MOVING ON TO SALES TAX, WE ARE ASSUMING A 10% INCREASE OVERALL, HOWEVER THIS MAY CHANGE SOMEWHAT AS WE GET A BETTER ESTIMATE OF THIS CORNER YEAR. FINALLY THE TRANSFER RATES FROM AUSTIN ENERGY AND AUSTIN WATER UTILITY REMAIN AT LEVELS ESTABLISHED BY POLICY AT 9.1% AND 8.2% RESPECTIVELY. JUST TO RECAP, AUSTIN AS WE TALKED ABOUT IN THE FORECAST IS ONE OF FIVE LOCAL TAXING JURISDICTIONS. FOR FY '06 THE CURRENT COMBINED TAX RATE IS \$2.74 OF WHICH AUSTIN COMPRISES 16.2%. FOR THE TAX BILL ON \$175,000 HOME, AUSTIN'S SHARE OF THAT TAX BILL IS \$775 OR 17.8%. THE DIFFERENCE IN THESE PERCENTAGES, OF COURSE, IS DUE TO THE COUNTY AND SCHOOL DISTRICT WHO HAD HOMESTEADED TAXABLE VALUE. SINGS THE PROPERTY TAX REVENUE ACCOUNTS FOR 31% OF OUR TOTAL REVENUE, I THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE GOOD TO PROVIDE YOU SOME MORE INFORMATION, HISTORICAL INFORMATION ON OUR TAX RATE. 1993 THE CITY'S TAX RATE DECLINED OR STAYED CONSTANT WITH THE EXCEPTION OF TWO YEARS. IN FACT IN THE PAST 13 YEARS THE CITY'S TAX RATE DECLINED 31%. THE CHART ON THE NEXT SLIDE PROVIDES INFORMATION ON THE TAX RATE USED IN THE FORECAST. BASED ON THE CURRENT

PROJECTION OF WHERE -- OF WHERE THE CERTIFIED TAX ROLL WILL BE IN JULY, AGAIN NOT FINAL UNTIL THE END OF JULY, THE EFFECTIVE TAX RATE WOULD BE 40.62 CENTS. AS A REMINDER, LAST YEAR STATE LAW DID CHANGE, NOW REQUIRES THE CITY TO HOLD ON PUBLIC HEARING FOR ANY TAX RATE OVER THE EFFECTIVE TAX RATE. ALSO AS A REMINDER, IF YOU WANT TO CONSIDER ANY TAX RATE ABOVE THE EFFECTIVE RATE, THAT WILL HAVE TO BE ANNOUNCED EARLY IN THE PROCESS IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO SET THE PUBLIC HEARINGS WITHIN THE TIME LINES PRESCRIBED BY THE STATE LAW. THE ROLLBACK RATE IS --

Futrell: PAUSE FOR JUST A SECOND.

COMAL.

Leffingwell: JUST A POINT OF CLARIFICATION, ON PAGE 9 THE DROP IN THE TAX RATE FROM 2004 TO 2005, THAT REFLECTS THE TRANSFER OF APPROXIMATELY 6 CENTS TO THE HOSPITAL DISTRICT. IS THAT CORRECT?

THAT IS CORRECT.

NOT EXACTLY AN APPLES TO APPLES --

THAT IS CORRECT, COUNCILMEMBER.

I HAVE JUST WRAP UP AND NOT HERE AN ADDITIONAL ONE CENT ON THE TAX WOULD RESULT IN ABOUT \$5.8 MILLION IN ADDITIONAL TAX REVENUE. THIS SLIDE SHOWS YOU THE MAKEUP OF OUR ESTIMATED COST DRIVERS FOR FY '07. IT'S BEEN THE CASE IN PRIOR YEARS, MOST OF OUR COST DRIVERS ARE IN PUBLIC SAFETY. OF THE TOTAL, 68% OR 27.6 MILLION ARE RELATED TO PUBLIC SAFETY. OF THAT AMOUNT, 24 MILLION IS FOR PAY INCREASES RELATED TO CONTRACTS, SUCH AS PFP, STEP AND LONGEVITY AND OTHER SALARY RELATED COSTS. AUSTIN INCLUDED ITS FUNDING FOR OVERTIME AS WELL AS ASSOCIATED WITH NEW FIRE AND E.M.S. STATIONS.

Futrell: AND PFP MEANING PAY FOR PERFORMANCE, THE 3.5%, CORRECT. WE ALSO SEE COST DRIVER INCREASES FOR HEALTH INSURANCE AND OUR PAY FOR PERFORMANCE

FOR OUR CIVILIAN WORKFORCE, INCREASES FROM NEW FACILITY OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE COSTS. OTHER COST INCREASES ARE MAINLY DRIVEN BY MARKET ADJUSTMENTS AS WELL AS FOR INCREASE IN TRANSFERS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO OTHER FUNDS. FOR EXAMPLE THE SUPPORT SERVICE FUND. MOVING FORWARD, HERE ARE THE EXPENDITURE ASSUMPTIONS THAT WE WILL USE IN PREPARING THE PROPOSED BUDGET. AGAIN WE WILL DELIVER A BARE BONES BUDGET, MAINTAINING CURRENT SERVICE LEVELS FOR E.M.S., PUBLIC HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES AND OUR PARKS AND LIBRARY PROGRAMS. TO THIS BASE BUDGET, WE WILL ADD OUR COST DRIVERS, MAINTAINING OUR PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITMENTS, FUNDING OUR NEW FACILITIES AND CONTINUING TO INVEST IN OUR WORKFORCE WITH PAY FOR PERFORMANCE, INSURANCE, REWARDS IN RECOGNITION, I WILL TURN THE PRESENTATION BACK OVER TO THE CITY MANAGER WHO WILL NOW TAKE YOU THROUGH THE NEXT TWO SECTIONS STARTING WITH A LOOK AT THE STRATEGIC ADDS.

Futrell: ALL RIGHT. SO THE SECOND SESSION WE ARE -- SECTION OF THE PRESENTATION WE ARE GOING TO BE TALKING ABOUT THE RESULTS OF THE RISK AND VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT, THE NEEDS ASSESSMENTS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS. REMEMBER AS WE HAVE DISCUSSED THE 2007 PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE BASED ON 2006 BASE BUDGET PLUS COST DRIVERS. EVEN WITH AGGRESSIVE REVENUE ASSUMPTIONS, WE ARE STILL WORKING ON A FUNDING GAP FOR '07, STILL VARIOUS OUTSTANDING ISSUES TO ANALYZE, SUCH AS INSURANCE, HEALTH INSURANCE INCREASES, THE FUEL COST INCREASES, WHICH CAN INCREASE THAT \$2.2 MILLION GAP. REMEMBER WE ARE JUST NOW ACTUALLY STARTING TO PREPARE THE BUDGET. LET'S MOVE TO THE NEXT SLIDE. NOW, A CRUCIAL PART OF OUR ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL PLANNING IS THE DEPARTMENT'S CONDUCTING A NEEDS ASSESSMENT TO IDENTIFY VULNERABILITIES AND TO IDENTIFY AND PRIORITIZE ADDITIONAL NEEDED SERVICES OR OPERATION YAMAL ISSUES. THE COMBINATIONS OF GROWTH WITH HEAVY PRIOR YEAR REDUCTIONS DURING THE DOWNTURN HAVE STRAINED RESOURCES IN THE CITY, BOTH FRONT LINE AND IN PARTICULAR IN SUPPORT

SERVICES. BOTTOM LINE WE ARE NOT KEEPING UP WITH GROWTH. THE FINANCIAL FORECAST IS BASICALLY GIVING YOU A STATUS QUO BUDGET FOR EVERYTHING EXCEPT OUR KEY PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENTS. NOW THE DEPARTMENTS HAVE IDENTIFIED OVER \$23 MILLION IN NEEDS. WE HAVE SCALED THIS LIST BACK THROUGH A VERY RIGOROUS PROCESS OF LOOKING AT IMPACTS, OUTCOMES AND PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENTS AND WE ARE BRINGING YOU A LIST OF 7.2 MILLION. BY IDENTIFYING THOSE AREAS THROUGHOUT OUR ORGANIZATION THAT ARE MOST IN NEED OF ADDITIONAL RESOURCES. JUST AS WE ARE PREPARING AND REFINING THE BUDGET OVER THE NEXT SEVEN YEARS, WE WILL ALSO BE REFINING THESE AMOUNTS IN THE STRATEGIC ADDS. SO WHAT I'M PRESENTING TO YOU IS OUR BEST ESTIMATE OF THE PROPOSED STRATEGIC ADDS OF THIS TIME. LET ME WALK YOU THROUGH THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE RECOMMENDED LISTS OF WHERE THESE RESOURCED ARE NEEDED. THE 7.2 MILLION IN STRATEGIC ADDS IS IN THE THREE CATEGORIES THAT YOU SEE ON THE SLIDES. 4.1 MILLION OR 57% OF THE ADDS ARE FOR FRONT LINE COMMUNITY SERVICES. THIS WOULD BE LIBRARIES AND PARKS, SOME OF THE AREAS OF OUR GENERAL FUNDS THAT WERE THE HARDEST HIT DURING THE FOUR YEARS OF REDUCTION IN THE DOWNTURN. ANOTHER ABOUT 700,000 OR 10% ARE LOADED IN THE SUPPORT SERVICE ARENA. THIS WAS AN AREA THAT WAS HEAVILY CUT IN MULTIPLE YEARS DURING THE DOWNTURN, BUT IT'S BEEN REQUIRED TO DO MORE AND MORE, PARTICULARLY IN THE AREA OF INTERNAL CONTROLS AND FINALLY THE THIRD CATEGORY IS 2.4 MILLION OR 33% OF THE STRATEGIC ADDS ARE IN THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARENA AND HERE WE HAVE A LARGE FOCUS ON A GROWING DEMAND AND STRAIN ON OUR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES. DEPARTMENT. WE WILL BE TALKING ABOUT THAT A LITTLE MORE IN DEPTH. SO 57% OR 4.1 MILLION OF THE SCALED BACK TOTAL STRATEGIC ADDS OF 7.2 MILLION, THAT WORKING LIST HAS AN AREA FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES. SO LET'S ADDRESS SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS IN THIS AREA. AT A TIME WHEN AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS AN EVER-INCREASING ISSUE IN OUR COMMUNITY, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN SYSTEMATICALLY CUTTING FUNDING TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS

AND HOME LOANS THAT ARE ALL PART OF OUR AFFORDABLE HOUSING INITIATIVE. THOSE CUTS WERE 22% IN THE LAST THREE YEARS. THERE'S ANOTHER 25% DECREASE PROJECTED. FOR NEXT YEAR. LIKE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, AUSTIN IS FACED WITH A DILEMMA, MAKE CUTS TO SUCCESSFUL PROGRAMS, SUCH AS RENTAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT, EMERGENCY DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE, HOME REPAIRS, BASICALLY REPLACE THE LOST FEDERAL FUNDING. WHILE I BELIEVE AN INFUSION OF FUNDING TO FUND THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING BOND PROPOSITION WOULD MOVE US FORWARD, I HAVE ALSO INCLUDED 1.2 MILLION IN STRATEGIC ADDS FOR HOUSING. WHILE WE INCREASED FUNDING FOR SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS BY 1.9 MILLION THIS PAST YEAR, IN PRIOR YEARS FUNDING HAS BEEN HELD CONSTANT FROM '02, '03, '04, THROUGH '05. EVEN AS THEIR COSTS INCREASED JUST LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE'S DID. THESE PROVIDERS FACE THE EXACT SAME COST DRIVERS THAT ALL ORGANIZATIONS FACE. SALARY INCREASES, BEING ABLE TO RETAIN AND RECRUIT, RISING INSURANCE COSTS, UTILITY INCREASES LIKE FUEL COSTS. SO MY PROPOSED BUDGET WILL INCLUDE THE SAME AMOUNT OF FUNDING AS WAS INCLUDED IN THIS YEAR, '06, BUT IN THE STRATEGIC ADDS I PUT AN ADDITIONAL 500 HOW FOR A MUCH NEEDED, BASICALLY A -- 500,000 BASICALLY A COST OF LIVING INCREASE FOR THE SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS TO HELP THEM KEEP PACE WITH RISING COSTS. THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAS NO DEDICATED STAFF IN ANIMAL SERVICES FOR PREVENTION PROGRAMS. NONE. IT'S ALL A REACTIVE SET OF SERVICES AS OPPOSED TO PROACTIVE IN STAFFING. IN FACT THE STAFF WAS CUT 10% OVER THE LAST HANDFUL OF YEAR GOES. STRAY CAT INTAKE IS UP 17% SINCE '02 OUR RATE OF DON'TABLE ANIMAL EUTHANIZED INCREASED 14% FROM 25 TO 39% FROM TWUT '02 TO '05. TO HELP ADDRESS THESE ISSUES MY ADDS HAVE 150,000 TO PROVIDE FREE ANIMAL STERILIZATION, TWO DAYS PER WEEK. PLUS FUNDING FOR STERILIZATION OF UP TO 600 STRAY CATS. AND A PROGRAM TO MICROCHIP ANIMALS. WE HAVE A VERY LOW RETURN TO OWNER RATE IN OUR ANIMAL SHELTER OPERATIONS. IT'S ONLY 12%. THE MICROCHIP PROGRAM IS A WAY TO IMPROVE RETURNING ANIMALS TO OWNERS WITHOUT EUTHANIZING THEM. WE ANTICIPATE THIS FUNDING WILL DECREASE TOTAL

INTAKES. SO ANIMAL INTAKE FROM AN ESTIMATE OF 26,000 IN '06 TO 23,000 IN '07, GIVING US ABOUT AN 11 AND A HALF PERCENT REDUCTION IN ANIMALS COMING INTO THE SHELTER, REMEMBER MOST OF WHOM ARE EUTHANIZED. FINALLY, WE ARE SEEING PEOPLE GATHER WITHOUT OVERSIGHT IN MULTIPLE SOUTH AUSTIN NEIGHBORHOODS LOOKING FOR DAY LABOR WORK. WE HAVE TALKED FOR MANY YEARS ABOUT THE NEED FOR A SECOND SITE IN OUR COMMUNITY. FOR APPROXIMATELY 275,000 PER YEAR, WE COULD PROVIDE A SECOND DAY LABOR SITE THAT WOULD ALLOW FOR ONE COORDINATED LOCATION WITH OVERSIGHT AND CONTROLS FOR WORKERS, PROTECTION FOR CONTROLS FOR WORKERS IN SOUTH AUSTIN. WE BELIEVE THE SECOND SITE WOULD PLACE AN ADDITIONAL 20,000 WORKERS ANNUALLY. FINALLY, LAST YEAR'S AFRICAN-AMERICAN QUALITY OF LIFE INITIATIVE INDICATED A NEED FOR ADDITIONAL OUTREACH IN THE COMMUNITY FOR PROVIDING ACCESS TO PRIMARY AND PREVENTIVE HEALTH CARE. THERE'S VERY PARTICULAR ISSUES HERE IN THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY THAT OUTSTRIP INDICATORS FOR ALMOST ANY OTHER SEGMENT OF OUR POPULATION. FOR '06 THE CITY HAS ADDED ONE POSITION FOR OUTREACH ON H.I.V. ISSUES. REMEMBER, THE LARGEST SEGMENT OF OUR POPULATION GROWING WITH H.I.V. RATES ARE AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMEN. MY LIST OF ADDS FOR '07 INCLUDES \$130,000 FOR TWO ADDITIONAL POSITIONS TO FOCUS ON IMPROVING HEALTH STATUS AND ACCESS TO PRIMARY AND PREVENTIVE CARE. HYPERTENSION, DIABETES, MANY OF THE ISSUES THAT ARE TAKING SUCH A TOLL IN OUR MINORITY COMMUNITY. AS YOU HEARD DURING THE FINANCIAL FORECAST, WE ARE SEEING AN UPSURGE IN REAL ESTATE ACTIVITIES. THE RESULT IS A CONTINUING STRAIN ON THE INSPECTION AND ZONING RESOURCES. THROUGH MARCH OF '06, RESIDENTIAL INSPECTIONS ARE UP ALMOST 23% COMPARED TO THE PRIOR YEAR. OUR GOAL OF 95% OF INSPECTIONS OCCURRING WITHIN 24 HOURS IS NOT BEING MET. WE ARE AT 85% OF THAT GOAL. THIS IS A VERY CRITICAL STAGE IN THE -- IN THE HOME BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT PROCESS FOR DEVELOPERS WHEN THEY HAVE TO WAIT TWO DAYS FOR AN INSPECTION VERSUS ONE DAY FOR AN INSPECTION. ADDING FOUR INSPECTORS WOULD DECREASE WORKLOAD TO 6,660 INSPECTIONS PER

INSPECTOR PER YEAR. DOWN FROM THE WORKLOAD OF YEAR WHICH IS ALMOST 8,000 PER INSPECTOR. THIS IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE INSPECTIONS OCCURRING DURING THE 24 HOURS TO OUR GOAL OF THE 5 -- 95%. ADDED TO THAT THE ZONING REVIEW STAFF IS MAXED OUT. NEW CONSTRUCTION ZONING APPLICATIONS ARE UP 27% THROUGH THE SECOND QUARTER OF THIS YEAR. AS COMPARED TO THE SAME TIME LAST YEAR. SO MY TOTAL STRATEGIC ADDS INCLUDE 575,000 FOR FIVE NEW POSITIONS. ONE IN ZONING, FOUR IN INSPECTIONS. TO TRY TO KEEP PACE WITH A VERY DRAMATIC UPSWING IN DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS COMING THROUGH OUR SYSTEM. NOW LET'S MOVE OVER TO MUNICIPAL COURT. IN OUR MUNICIPAL COURT THE NUMBER OF BENCH TRIALS SCHEDULED HAS INCREASED 47% IN JUST ONE YEAR, FROM '04 TO '05. BY ADDING A JUDGE, A COURT CLERK ASSISTANT AND TWO PROSECUTORS WE COULD GAIN 16 ADDITIONAL EVENING DOCKETS, THAT'S -- THAT WOULD DOUBLE THE NUMBER OF CODE ENFORCEMENT DOCKETS FROM 3 TO 6 AND REDUCE CASES PER DOCKET ACROSS THE BOARD BY 20%. THIS IS THE ADDED IN TO OUR STRATEGIC ADDS. OUR EMPLOYEE TO FRONT LINE SUPERVISOR RATIO IN MUNICIPAL COURT IS -- IS VERY HIGH. ONE OF THE HIGHEST IN THE CITY. IT'S 20 EMPLOYEES TO ONE SUPERVISOR. THAT'S COMPARED TO 11 TO 1 BEFORE THE DOWNTURN. A 45% INCREASE. ONE ADDITIONAL SUPERVISOR IS ALSO INCLUDED IN THE STRATEGIC ADDS TO ENSURE PROPER PROCEDURES AND CONTROLS ARE BEING FOLLOWED IN A FUNCTION THAT ISSUES WARRANTS AND PROCESSES REGULATORY CITATIONS. THE TOTAL MUNICIPAL COURT ADDS ARE \$350,000 FOR FIVE POSITIONS, THE ADDITIONAL DOCKET AND THE ADDITIONAL SUPERVISOR. NOW LET'S TALK ABOUT THE PARKS AND LIBRARIES, BECAUSE CLEARLY RESOURCES ARE TRAINED IN PARKS AND LIBRARIES, THESE DEPARTMENTS TOOK SERIOUS CUTS DURING THE DOWNTURNS. I FOCUSED STRATEGIC ADDS IN TWO AREAS, FRONT LINE CUSTODIAL SERVICES AND TEMPORARY AND SEASONAL EMPLOYEE SALARIES. LET'S TALK ABOUT CUSTODIAL SERVICES. 47% OR 8 OF OUR 17 RECREATION CENTERS DO NOT HAVE A DEDICATED BUILDING OR GROUNDS ASSISTANT TO PROVIDE ANY FORM OF CUSTODIAL SERVICES. THESE INCLUDE ALAMO, AUSTIN,

CAMMACHO, GIVENS, NORTHWEST, VIRGINIA BROWN ... THESE ARE THE STAFF THAT FORM THE FRONT LINE OF PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE AT OUR FACILITIES. THIS IS THE ONLY WAY THAT WE ARE GOING TO GET OUR ARMS AROUND AN ASSET INVENTORY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR OUR PARKS FACILITY. IN ADDITION, EACH SUMMER THE PARKS DEPARTMENT OPERATES 48 POOLS THROUGHOUT THE CITY, THAT'S HIRING LIFE GUARDS ON A SEASONAL BASIS TO ASSURE THE SAFETY OF VISITORS TO THE POOLS. SALARIES FOR OUR LIFE GUARDS WERE LAST CHANGED 7 YEARS AGO IN 1999. THE CURRENT STARTING SALARY IS 6.50 AN HOUR COMPARE THAT TO PFLUGERVILLE'S POOL LIFE GUARD SALARIES OF 7.25, SO \$7.25. BASICALLY IN AUSTIN WE ARE NOT EVEN KEEPING UP WITH THE SALARIES BEING OFFERED FOR A LIFE GUARD IN A POOL AT PFLUGERVILLE. THE NEW U.T. SWIM CENTER IS GOING TO BE HIRING BETWEEN 150 AND 200 LIFE GUARDS WITH ENTRY SALARIES ALMOST 50% HIGHER THAN THE CITY. THE BOTTOM LINE IS THAT WE ARE HAVING TROUBLE MAKING THESE HIRES. WITHOUT THESE HIRES WE AREN'T GOING TO BE ABLE TO KEEP THESE POOLS OPEN. A SALARY INCREASE FOR THESE LIFE GUARDS AS WELL AS TEMPORARY PARK EMPLOYEES WORKING CUSTODIAL WORK IN OUR RECREATION CENTERS HELP THE DEPARTMENT STAY COMPETITIVE. THE TOTAL PARK ADDS TOTAL \$800,000. IN OUR LIBRARY DEPARTMENT, WE CURRENTLY HAVE ONLY FIVE SECURITY GUARDS LEFT. REMEMBER. SECURITY GUARDS WERE ONE OF THE POSITIONS THAT WERE CUT HEAVILY DURING THE DOWNTURN. SO FIVE SECURITY GUARDS COVER OUR CENTRAL LIBRARY AND ALL 21 BRANCH LIBRARIES. SECURITY RELATED INCIDENTS ARE UP 52% THIS YEAR JUST THROUGH TWO QUARTERS. IT IS TIME TO ADD SOME SECURITY BACK INTO OUR BRANCH LIBRARY SYSTEMS AND OUR STRATEGIC ADDS INCLUDE ONE POSITION FOR AN ADDITIONAL SECURITY GUARD AT A COST OF 35,000. NOW UNTIL YOU OUR FOCUS DURING THE DOWNTURN WAS TO MAXIMIZE THE DELIVERY OF DIRECT SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC. EVEN WHEN WE WERE DEALING WITH SERIOUS SEVERE REVENUE SHORTFALLS AND WE DID THIS BY FIRST CUTTING MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS AND POSITIONS TRYING TO LEAVE OUR DIRECT SERVICES AS WHOLE AS POSSIBLE. IN 2003 THE FIRST FULL YEAR OF THE

DOWNTURN WE CUT ALMOST 17 MILLION IN ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS ALONE. IN 2004 WE FURTHER CUT 200 MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS FROM THE GENERAL FUND. NOW, ALTHOUGH THIS WAS THE RIGHT STRATEGY DURING THE DOWNTURN, IT HAS LEFT US SEVERELY CHALLENGED IN OUR SUPPORT SERVICES AND IT DAMAGES OUR ABILITIES TO HAVE STRONG AND SOLID INTERNAL CONTROLS IN OUR ORGANIZATION. MANY OF THESE CUTS WERE MADE TO OUR SUPPORT SERVICES FUND. THE FUND THAT ACCOUNTS FOR THE FINANCIAL, LEGAL HUMAN RESOURCE AND OTHER SUPPORT COSTS THAT ARE NOT DIRECTLY BUDGETED IN THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET. SO ALL TOLD, FROM 2003 TO 2005, WE ELIMINATED 144 JUST PURE ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS FROM THE SUPPORT SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR A TOTAL SAVINGS OF 7.3 MILLION. SO, FOR EXAMPLE, THE NUMBER OF CITY-WIDE PURCHASING TRANSACTIONS INCREASED 23% FROM '03 TO '04, THE NUMBER OF REGISTERED VENDORS INCREASED BY 31% OVER THE SAME TIME PERIOD. BUT WE CUT THE PURCHASING STAFF THAT WE HAD TO DEAL WITH THIS WORKLOAD. YOU CAN ALSO TAKE A LOOK AT JUST OUR BUILDING SERVICES ARENA. SINCE 2002, THE CITY ADDED ALMOST 700,000 SQUARE FEET OF NEW BUILDING SPACE IN FACILITIES THAT WE MUST MAINTAIN. AT THE SAME TIME, WE WERE SEVERELY CUTTING OUR BUILDING SERVICES STAFF. SO WE ARE FACED WITH INCREASING REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS, WHETHER IT'S IN THE AUSTIN WATER UTILITY, FOR IMPLEMENTING THE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM OR IN THE COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE FOR IMPLEMENTING THE NEW RECORDING REQUIREMENTS FROM THE GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD. NOW, WE HAVE ALSO UNDERTAKEN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A NUMBER OF KEY INITIATIVES OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS. THE ONE STOP SHOP DEVELOPMENT CENTER. THE 311 CALL CENTER FOR 24/7 ACCESS ON CITY COMPLAINTS AND CITY ISSUES. THE ENHANCEMENTS THAT WE HAVE MADE TO THE CODE ENFORCEMENT STAFF. AND OUR INVEST IN THE WORKFORCE INITIATIVES WHERE WE ARE, FOR EXAMPLE, DOING MARKET FOR 100% OF OUR WORKFORCE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A LONG TIME THIS YEAR. THESE ARE ALL CRITICAL OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS, BUT THEY REQUIRE ADMINISTRATIVE TIME AND SUPPORT

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS TO IMPLEMENT. FOR THOSE REASON, BECAUSE WE CUT ADMINISTRATION SEVERELY IN THE DOWNTURN AND BECAUSE THE WORKLOAD IN ADMINISTRATION HAS GONE UP EXPONENTIALLY, WE NEED TO CONSIDER MAKING SOME STRATEGIC ADDS TO OUR SUPPORT SERVICE FUNCTIONS. SO WE CAN CONTINUE TO DELIVER ON ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES. IT IS ALSO, I'LL STRESS IT AGAIN, IMPORTANT TO MAINTAIN ADEQUATE INTERNAL CONTROLS OVER OUR CITY RESOURCES IN THE PUBLIC TRUST. SUPPORT SERVICE FUNCTIONS ARE STRAINED IN ALL DEPARTMENTS, BOTH GENERAL FUND AND SUPPORT SERVICES. SO OF MY ADDS, 10% ARE FOR RESOURCES IN THIS AREA AND IT REPRESENTS ABOUT \$700,000 IN ADDS, THAT'S THE GENERAL FUND SHARE OF THESE COSTS. THE LIBRARY DEPARTMENT, FOR EXAMPLE, EMPLOYEE TURNOVER RATE IN '05 WAS ALMOST 16%, THAT'S WELL ABOVE THE CITY-WIDE AVERAGE OF ABOUT 8%. ABOUT ONE HUNDRED% INCREASE. THE H.R. STAFF IN THE LIBRARY WAS CONSULT CUT 50% DURING THE DOWNTURN, CURRENTLY SEVERAL POSITIONS ARE PULLED FROM DIRECT SERVICES TO SCREEN FOR EXAMPLE 150 TO 200 APPLICANTS FOR A VICK CAN'T POSITION. SO VACANT POSITION. SO IT LEAVES DIRECT SERVICES POSITIONS OPEN, HAS AN IMPACT ON DIRECT SERVICE DELIVERY. YOU CAN LOOK AT THE SAME PHENOMENON ON THE FINANCIAL SIDE. A ROUTINE LIBRARY TRANSACTION TAKES 12 TO 18 DAYS TO COMPLETE IN THE LIBRARY TODAY. OTHER DEPARTMENTS ARE DOING THEM IN UNDER FIVE DAYS. LAST YEAR WE ADDED BACK SUBSTANTIAL RESOURCES TO THE LIBRARY SYSTEM. AND THIS WAS FOR DIRECT SERVICE, THIS WAS TO RESTORE THE HOURS THAT WERE CUT FROM ALL OF OUR LIBRARIES DURING THE DOWNTURN. 40 POSITIONS WERE ADDED IN TOTAL. IT WAS A LARGE POLICY INVESTMENT BACK INTO OUR LIBRARIES. BUT THIS YEAR, I BELIEVE WE HAVE TO ADD SEVERAL POSITIONS TO HELP SHORE UP THE SUPPORT SERVICES IN THIS DEPARTMENT. IN H.R. WE USE A COMBINATION OF CENTRALIZED AND DECENTRALIZED RESOURCES. IT ALLOWS US TO PROVIDE CONSISTENT AND FAIR APPLICATION OF PERSONNEL POLICIES ACROSS THE DEPARTMENTS. WE ARE PROPOSING AN ADDITION OF RESOURCES, TWO POSITIONS TO OUR CENTRAL H.R. STAFF TO ENSURE THAT THAT QUALITY OF

SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE CONTINUES. OUR M/W.B.E. ORDINANCE HAVE A GOOD FAITH REQUIREMENT BUILT INTO THEM. IN ORDER TO FULFILL THESE REQUIREMENTS REMEMBER MORE CONTRACTORS, MORE VENDORS, STAFF MUST CONTRACT -- CONTACT ALL SUBCONTRACTORS ON CONTRACTS GREATER THAN \$2 MILLION AND CURRENTLY THERE ARE 250 CONTRACTS OVER THIS AMOUNT. MY ADDS PROPOSE THE ADDITION OF THREE POSITIONS AND OUR SMALL AND MINORITY BUSINESS RESOURCE CENTER TO HELP WITH COMPLIANCE AND PROCESSING OF OUR M/W.B.E. ORDINANCE. OUR LAW DEPARTMENT WAS CUT BY 17.25 POSITIONS IN '03 AND '04, A 20% REDUCTION IN THE OVERALL BUDGET. AT THE SAME TIME THE LAW DEPARTMENT'S WORKLOAD OVER THESE YEARS HAS INCREASED DRAMATICALLY, OPEN RECORD MATTERS ARE UP 41%, CONTRACT MATTERS ARE UP 188%. LITIGATION IS UP 225% AND PERSONNEL MATTERS IN THE LAW DEPARTMENT ARE UP 246%. MY ADDS INCLUDE FOUR POSITIONS IN THE LAW DEPARTMENT. IN OUR FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, WHERE OUR BUILDING SERVICES STAFF WAS REDUCED BY OVER 6%, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SQUARE FEET OF NEW FACILITIES INCREASED BY 700,000 SQUARE FEET, THIS INCLUDES THE CAMERON ROAD CAMPUS, THE TECHNO CENTER WAREHOUSE RENOVATION ... MY ADDING INCLUDE ONE ADDITIONAL POSITION IN BUILDING SERVICES, THE COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE LOST 17% OF ITS STAFF, BUT ALL OF THE REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS SUCH AS GASB AS WELL AS, THIS IS MOST IMPORTANT, THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW FINANCIAL SYSTEM, THIS IS A MASSIVE PROJECT TO DO IN AN ORGANIZATION OF OUR SIZE HAS STRAINED THIS OFFICE. MY ADDS INCLUDE FIVE ADDITIONAL POSITIONS IN THE COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE. IN PURCHASING WHERE STAFF WAS REDUCED 24%, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF TRANS ABSENCES WERE UP 23, REGISTERED VENDORS 31%, MY ADDS INCLUDE ONE ADDITIONAL PURCHASING POSITION. AND AS WE'VE HEARD FROM THE CITY CLERK RECENTLY, THE DEMAND FOR RECORDS MANAGEMENT CONTINUES TO INCREASE. IN '06 WE WERE ALREADY UP 40% COMPARED TO THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, OUR ELECTRONIC RECORDS NEED TO BE MANAGED IN A MORE SYSTEMATIC MANNER. MY ADDS INCLUDE ONE ADDITIONAL POSITION IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, THE

COMMUNITY AUDITOR IS ALSO REQUESTING ADDITIONAL RESOURCES, ONE ADDITIONAL POSITION IS PROPOSED IN THE STRATEGIC ADDS. AGAIN TO ADDRESS ALL OF THESE CRITICAL SUPPORT SERVICE NEEDS, MY TOTAL PROPOSED ADDS IN THIS AREA ARE \$700,000. NOW THE THIRD AREA OF THE STRATEGIC ADDS, PUBLIC SAFETY, A TOTAL OF 2.4 MILLION. OF THIS AMOUNT, 460,000 IS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. THIS IS IN THE CIVILIAN WORKFORCE COMPONENT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. WHERE PRIMARILY THE ONLY CUTS THAT OCCURRED DURING THE DOWNTURN OCCURRED IN THE CIVILIAN WORKFORCE. PARTICULARLY IN FORENSICS AND PROPERTY CRIME, OUR CIVILIAN STAFF ARE STRETCHED TO THE LIMIT. LATENT PRINT REQUESTS CURRENTLY TAKE 160 DAYS TO PROCESS. REMEMBER ON A LATENT PRINT REQUEST, THIS IS HOW YOU ARE GOING TO SOLVE A CRIME. NEW CRIME AS WELL AS COLD CASE CRIME. NINE POSITIONS WOULD BRING THAT DOWN BASICALLY CUT IT IN HALF. IT WOULD BRING IT DOWN TO 90 DAYS. THREE MONTHS AND OBVIOUSLY YOU WANT TO BE IN REAL TIME ON LATENT PRINTS. SO THIS IS JUST TAKING ONE STEP TOWARDS TRYING TO IMPROVE THAT COMPONENT OF OUR SERVICE. REQUEST FOR LATENT PRINT COMPARISONS AND IDENTIFICATIONS ARE UP 108%. WHEN YOU LOOK AT PROPERTY CRIME CALLS, WE USED TO HAVE CIVILIAN PROPERTY CRIME TECHS RESPONDING TO THE BULK OF THOSE CALLS TO LEAVE OUR OFFICERS FREE TO STAY ON PATROL. RIGHT NOW, CRIME TECHS ARE RESPONDING TO THE ALMOST 36,000 PROPERTY CRIME CALLS, 14% OF THE TIME. AND WHAT THAT MEANS IS OFFICERS ARE RESPONDING TO THE REMAINING 86%. BY ADDING CIVILIAN STAFF, WE CAN FREE UP 600 ADDITIONAL PATROL HOURS AND INCREASE OFFICER TIME ON THE STREET AND SERVICE DELIVERY FOR CITIZENS WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED PROPERTY CRIME. MY TOTAL POLICE ADDS INCLUDE NINE CIVILIAN POSITIONS. OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS, THE LACK OF REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT BUNKER YEAR WAS INCREASED FROM SEVEN TO 10 YEARS. IT WAS CLEARLY PART OF COST REDUCTIONS, TIGHTENING OF THE BELT IN PUBLIC SAFETY. CURRENTLY 29% OF OUR OPERATIONS PERSONNEL ARE IN BUNKER GEAR ORDINARILY THAN 7 YEARS. I WANT TO MOVE UP THAT REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE. \$100,000 WILL REPLACE

83 SETS OF BUNKER GEAR AND IT WILL START MOVING US BACK TO THE SEVEN YEARS REPLACEMENT CYCLE WE NEED FOR THAT BUNKER GEAR. THAT BEING THE GEAR THAT PROTECTS THE LIFE AND SAFETY OF A FIREFIGHTER IN A FIRE OCCURRENCE. NOW, E.M.S. IS THE PRIMARY FOCUS FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY DRIVERS. WE FOCUS IN THREE AREAS: ONE OF WHICH IS RECRUITING. IN '06 WE ADDED 24 PARAMEDICS. THIS WAS IN ORDER TO MOVE TO A 12 HOUR SHIFT. OUR CALL VOLUME HAS GOTTEN SO THAT A 24 HOUR SHIFT RUNNING CONSTANTLY FOR 24 HOURS WAS PREVENTING -- WAS BASICALLY CREATING A SAFETY ISSUE FOR US. IT IS NOT THE WAY YOU SHOULD BE HANDLING YOUR E.M.S. DEPLOYMENT. BUT WE ARE HAVING TROUBLES HIRING PARAMEDICS. AS OF MAY 1st, THERE WERE 53 PARAMEDIC VACANCIES OR 21% OF OUR TOTAL PARAMEDIC FORCE IS VACANT. THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF ANNUAL VACANCIES HAVE INCREASED BY 30%. NOW, WE ARE WORKING WITH THE AUSTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO DEVELOP A PARAMEDIC DEVELOPMENTAL ACADEMY WITH A MODEST GOAL OF ENROLLING 10 ADDITIONAL PARAMEDIC CADETS BEGINNING IN JANUARY. WE ARE TRYING TO BASICALLY BUILD A TRAINING PROGRAM, A HOME GROWN TRAINING PROGRAM TO INCREASE OUR ABILITY TO DO RECRUITMENT. RECRUITMENT FOR PARAMEDICS IS NATIONALLY VERY DIFFICULT RIGHT NOW. THE COST OF THIS PROGRAM IS 675,000, THAT'S 10 CADETS AND THEIR SALARIES AND TWO NEW TRAINING PROGRAMS, THIS IS DONE IN THE JOINT USE AGREEMENT WITH THE AUSTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE. IT'S A PROGRAM WE HOPE TO GROW IF IT PROVES TO BE SUCCESSFUL. IT'S OFFSET BY \$500,000 OF VACANCY SAVINGS. REMEMBER WE ARE HAVING TROUBLE FILLING THE POSITIONS THAT WE WOULD REALIZE JUST IN THIS LAST YEAR. IN ADDITION I PROPOSE WORKING WITH AISD ON A HIGH SCHOOL EMT TRAINING PROGRAM TO HELP STUDENTS IN THE NEW HEALTH SCIENCES EDUCATION PROGRAM THAT MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN THIS FIELD PREPARE FOR THE TRANSITION TO THE E.M.S. ACADEMY UPON GRADUATION. SO WE ARE TRYING TO PARTNER WITH ALL OF THE DIFFERENT ENTITIES ACROSS THE CITY IN DOING HOME GROWN RECRUITING OF PARAMEDICS FOR OUR WORKFORCE. THE SECOND FOCUS IN E.M.S. INVOLVES RESPONSE TIME AND CALM VOLUME. AND THAT'S ADDED ON

TOP OF A VERY HIGH VACANCY RIGHT IN E.M.S. CURRENTLY ONLY 87% OF ALL OF OUR PRIORITY 1 ARE LIFE THREATENING CALLS RESPONDED TO BY E.M.S. IN LESS THAN 10 MINUTES. YEAR TO DATE, THE NUMBER OF CALLS THAT EXCEEDED 10 MINUTES IS GROWING AND AS WE WORK THROUGH THIS DATA A LITTLE BIT MORE FOR YOU, WE ARE GOING TO BE ABLE TO GRAPH IT AND SHOW YOU WHERE IT'S HAPPENING GEOGRAPHICALLY AROUND THE CITY. IN SOME CASES WE HAVE AN E.M.S. UNIT GOING INTO A STATION THAT'S GOING TO HELP WITH THIS. BUT WHAT WE REALLY NEED HERE IS -- IS BASICALLY A PEAK AMBULANCE UNIT, A FLOATING AMBULANCE UNIT THAT WE CAN DEPLOY WHERE CALL VOLUME IS HEAVY AND WORKLOAD IS INCREASING ALONG WITH RESPONSE TIMES. THIS UNIT ROVES DURING TIMES OF HIGH CALL VOLUME AND WILL COST ABOUT \$770,000 TO PUT IN PLACE. THE REQUEST WAS FOR FOUR PEAK AMBULANCE UNITS, WE ONLY HAVE ONE INCLUDE UNDERSTAND THE STRATEGIC ADDS AS WE BEGIN TO REBUILD IN THIS AREA. THE THIRD AND FINAL FOCUS OF E.M.S. IS IN TRAINING AND THIS IS PARTICULARLY IN TRAINING AND CLINICAL PRACTICE. THIS IS AN AREA THAT WE NEGLECTED DURING THE DOWNTURN AS WE CUT TRAINING DOLLARS AND TRAVEL DOLLARS TO 0, WE LEFT OUR PARAMEDICS WITHOUT THE KIND OF ONGOING CRITICAL, CLINICAL PRACTICE TRAINING THEY NEED TO GIVE YOU THE KIND OF RESPONSE THAT YOU NEED IN A MEDICAL EMERGENCY. TOTAL TRAINING HOURS DECREASED 10% FROM '03 TO '05. MY ADDS INCLUDE 135,000 TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL 20 HOURS OF CLINICAL PRACTICE TRAINING EACH YEAR FOR EACH PARAMEDIC. FINALLY, IN THIS AREA, THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT, WHICH WAS CREATED -- HAS CREATED A SONS DATED DEPARTMENT AT THE END OF LAST YEAR, OUR MARSHAL'S, PARK POLICE, AVIATION POLICE, AS WELL AS OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT IS NOW CONSOLIDATED, THIS GROUP HAS TAKEN OVER BOAT PATROL ON OUR AREA LAKES. CURRENT LAKE PATROL IS A ONE OFFICER PATROL DESPITE PHENOMENAL INCREASES IN BOAT TRAFFIC AND BOATING ACCIDENTS ON OUR LAKES. IF ANYTHING GOES AWRY IN THE SHIFTS ON THESE PATROLS, THERE'S NO COVERAGE ON OUR AREA LAKE THAT'S WE PATROL. AN ADDITIONAL 290,000 WOULD ALLOW FOR A TWO

OFFICER PATROL DURING PEAK TIMES AND INCREASE TOTAL PATROL HOURS BY 25% FROM 3700 HOURS TO 4800 HOURS. SO IN SUMMARY, THE TOTAL STRATEGIC ADD BACKS ON THE WORKING LIST NOW TOTAL 7.2 MILLION. AGAIN, REMEMBER I WILL BE PRESENTING A BALANCED BUDGET AT THE EFFECTIVE TAX RATE AT THE END OF JULY. BECAUSE WE ARE STILL TRYING TO CLOSE A STRUCTURAL GAP OF AT LEAST 2.2 MILLION IN OUR GENERAL FUND. THESE STRATEGIC ADDS OF 7.2 MILLION ARE NOT CURRENTLY FUNDING AND MOST IF NOT ALL OF THEM WILL LIKEWISE NOT BE FUNDED WHEN WE PRESENT THE PROPOSED BUDGET IN JULY AT THE EFFECTIVE TAX RATE. BUT THEY COULD REPRESENT MY OPERATIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR WHERE WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO ADD SERVICE CAPACITY BACK INTO OUR SYSTEM. [ONE MOMENT PLEASE FOR CHANGE IN CAPTIONERS] MARILYN MORITZ COUNCIL,

COUNCIL, COMMENTS, QUESTIONS? THIS IS A VERY WELL FRAMED DISCUSSION START. COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN.

McCracken: WE'RE FINALIZING THE RULES ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL REDEVELOPMENT. DO WE HAVE THE PERSONNEL THAT WOULD COVER OF DOING A REVIEW FOR RESIDENTIAL UNDER THE POTENTIAL NEW RULES, THE TASKFORCE IS COMING UP WITH?

Futrell: THE ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER, WHO IS WORKING WITH YOU, LAURA HUFF MAN, HAS GOT YOUR BACK ON THIS ONE. SHE HAS BEEN PROPOSING ONE POSITION THAT SHE BELIEVES NEEDS TO BE ADDED IN TO HELP WITH A VERY DIFFERENT AND NEW GROUP OF DESIGN STANDARDS AND REVIEW ISSUES THAT WILL COME FROM THAT. SO THAT'S ONE OF THE THINGS WE'RE REVISING, BUT THAT'S -- IT'S GOOD I THINK FOR YOU TO PUT THAT OUT THERE. WE BELIEVE THAT'S GOING TO BE NEEDED IN ORDER TO DO THE KIND OF REVIEW AND ASSESSMENTS WE NEED WHEN THE NEW COMMERCIAL DESIGN STANDARDS ARE ADOPTED.

McCracken: AND THE SECOND THING IS THE COUNCIL IS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE ISSUANCE, THE REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE DOWNTOWN PLAN, WHICH INCLUDES A FOCUS ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING, FIGURING

OUT HOW WE PAY FOR INFRASTRUCTURE DOWNTOWN, RAIL PLANNING, INCLUDING STATION LOCATION. REALLY A COMPLETE RETHINKING OF THE DOWNTOWN. AS PART OF THAT, WE'VE BECOME AWARE IN THE LAND USE TRANSPORTATION PLAN THAT THE AMOUNT CURRENTLY ALLOCATED FOR THE DOWNTOWN PLAN, I THINK WE HAVE -- IT'S BUILT IN AT ABOUT \$400,000 OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT THAT WHAT WE'RE BEING TOLD IS FOR WORK AT THE SCALE, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT, WHICH INCLUDES MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE, MODELING WORK ON IDENTIFYING OR CREATING AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAMS THAT THE LIKELIHOOD IS THE COST OF THE PLAN WILL LIKELY BE MORE LIKE A MILLION DOLLARS. SO WHAT WE DISCUSSED ON THE LAND USE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE WAS PHASING IN OVER THE FUNDS THAT WE'RE BEING TOLD TO FUNDS DURING THIS PLAN. AND THEN -- AND FINALLY, THE -- THESE ARE ALL KIND OF RELATED. WE HAD THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING WORKSHOPS, A WORKSHOP HERE, AND I KNOW AT LEAST COUNCILMEMBER KIM AND I AND I THINK THE MAYOR WERE HERE TOO AND MAYBE OTHER MEMBERS TOO, BUT WE HAD -- ONE OF THE NINGZ THAT THINGS THAT CAME OUT IS WE'VE HAD TWO HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL NEIGHBORHOOD PLANS IN TERMS OF ACHIEVING THE OUTCOMES THAT THE NEIGHBORS REALLY WANTED IN A WAY THAT WAS QUALITATIVELY DIFFERENT THAN THE OTHER PLANS. AND THE COMMON DENOMINATOR OF BOTH IS THAT THERE WAS A PHYSICAL MODELER, AND THIS IS SOMETHING THAT'S COME IN IN OTHER DISCUSSIONS OF COUNCIL AS WELL. AND IN FACT, THE ABILITY TO DODO PHYSICAL MODELING HAS BEEN HELPFUL ON THE RESIDENTIAL ISSUES THAT ARE BEING WORKED ON RIGHT NOW. THERE'S BEEN TALK ABOUT THE ABILITY TO DO THAT WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING. IT MIGHT BE ONE POSITION, BUT IT WOULD BE SOMEONE WHO WOULD HAVE THE SKILL SET TO HELP THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANS TO DO THE PHYSICAL MODELING BECAUSE WE'RE MOVING INTO MORE FORM-BASED CODES. AND OPPOSED TO IDENTIFYING USES, WE DO NOT WANT TO BE ABLE FOR BROADER CODES.

Futrell: AND GREG, SEE IF YOU HAVE IT AT THE TIP OF YOUR FINGERS. WE PUT AT LEAST ONE POSITION. DID WE PUT MORE THAN THAT IN NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING THIS

CURRENT YEAR?

YES, ONE.

Futrell: I THINK WE ADDED ONE. JUST AS A FRAME OF REFERENCE, WHEN WE STARTED OUR FIRST SET OF STRATEGIC ADDS AFTER FOUR YEARS, NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING DID GET ONE ADDITIONAL POSITION AFTER THIS YEAR, BUT THAT IS NOT IN HERE RIGHT NOW.

Kim: MY STAFF IS ACTUALLY WORKING ON THE PHYSICAL MODELING. THERE'S A TOOL BY GOOGLE THAT'S AVAILABLE AND SO I'LL BE BRINGING AN ITEM TO COUNCIL FOR MAKING THAT AVAILABLE TO THE NEIGHBORS AT THE ONE STOP SHOP. AND IT LOOKS LIKE AN AFFORDABLE OPTION FOR US THAT EVERYONE CAN USE AND SO IT WILL HELP EVEN THE PLAYING FIELD.

THAT SKETCH-UP? THAT'S GOOD.

McCracken: AND FINALLY, IN DISCUSSIONS WITH -- WE HAVE BUILT IN CORRIDOR PLANNING AS A PRIORITY AS WE DOPT HAVE THE FUNDS, BUT AS WE LOOK TO AN UP UPCOMING RAIL ELECTION, AND THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF INTEREST BY SSRC, EAST RIVERSIDE, AND IS THE -- THAT WOULD BE ALONG THE LINES OF WHAT HAPPENED IN ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA WHERE THE QUARTER PLAN FOR COLUMBIA PIPE PRODUCED THREE BILLION DOLLARS IN NEW DEVELOPMENT AND IT WAS A PLAN CREATED BY THE NEIGHBORHOODS IN ARLINGTON. AND IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE'VE ENDORSED REPEATEDLY IN AUSTIN TOO, THE IDEA OF CORRIDOR PLANS. BUT THE CONCEPT IS THAT IT MAY MAKE SENSE AS PART OF THE UPCOMING RAIL ELECTION TO HAVE A RAIL CONNECTION TO THE AIRPORT, AND THIS WOULD MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO -- CORRIDOR PLANS, IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING, RUN ABOUT 150 TO 2 \$200,000, THEY'RE A ONE TIME COST. THEY CAN BE RECOUPED FROM THE INCREMENTS OF THE NEW DEVELOPMENT AS THEY TEND TO PRODUCE A WINDFALL OF NEW DEVELOPMENT IF DONE CORRECTLY. BUT I WOULD SEE THAT PARTICULARLY AS WE GO FORWARD. TO MAKE THOSE NICER PLACES AND THAT MIGHT BE A PARTICULARLY HIGH TARGET FOR A CORRIDOR PLAN.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL.

Leffingwell: THE TASKFORCE THAT WRAPPED UP RECENTLY, THEY END UP WITH ANCILLARY PROBLEMS TO THEIR PREVIOUS TASK, AND IT WAS A LACK OF PROPER TREE MAINTENANCE ON CITY-OWNED PROPERTY, PRIMARILY RIGHTS OF WAY IN CITY PARKS. AND THIS IN TURN WAS ANOTHER PROBLEM. WHEN YOU PLANT TREES YOU HAVE TO MAINTAIN THEM FOR ABOUT TWO YEARS, ESPECIALLY IN THE SUMMERS THAT WE'VE BEEN HAVING RIGHT NOW. AND EVIDENTLY AT LEAST ACCORDING TO THE TASKFORCE RECOMMENDATION, AND EVEN INTERNALLY THIS IS NOT BEING DONE RIGHT NOW. I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE A LOOK AT SEEING IF WE CAN PROVIDE FOR THIS CONTINGENCY. THIS WILL BE ONE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT YOU WILL BE EVALUATING HERE IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS, AND I'D LIKE TO HAVE THE FLEXIBILITY TO INCLUDE SOMETHING FOR THAT. IN NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET IF POSSIBLE. AND THE SECOND THING REFERENCES SOMETHING WE JUST DID EARLIER TODAY, HEALTH CARE. ACCORDING TO PRELIMINARY FIGURES WE MIGHT BE LOOKING AT AN ADDITIONAL MILLION DOLLARS PLUS, DEPENDING ON WHATEVER PLAN WE DECIDE TO ADOPT. AND I WOULD LIKE TO SEE SOME ALLOWANCE FOR THAT MADE IN THE STRATEGIC ADDS IF POSSIBLE. SO IF WE LOOK AT THE PROJECTED DEFICIT OF 2.2 MILLION AT THE EFFECTIVE RATE AND THEN ADDING IN THE MAXIMUM -- APPROXIMATE MAXIMUM UP TO THE ROLLBACK RATE. THAT ADDS UP TO MAKING IT ABOUT 6.5 MILLION. WE'RE STILL A LITTLE BIT SHORT THERE, EVEN IF WE WENT TO THE MAXIMUM.

Futrell: YES, WE ARE. AND COUNCILMEMBER, YOU ARE DEAD ON. DURING THE DOWNTURN, THE FORESTRY DIVISION IN PARKS WAS REALLY DECIMATED, BOTH IN EQUIPMENT AND IN PERSONNEL. NOW, THAT WAS ALSO AN AREA THAT YOU ALL DID ADD FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS YEAR WE ADDED POSITIONS BACK, BUT IT'S NOWHERE NEAR WHERE IT NEEDS TO BE. IT WAS VIRTUALLY TAKEN DOWN TO NOTHING.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ.

Alvarez: THESE SUGGESTIONS ARE GOOD FOR ABOUT 25

DAYS. [ LAUGHTER ] WE HAVE A JOINT TASKFORCE WITH AISD AND HAVE BEEN IDENTIFYING STRATEGIC WAYS TO ADDRESS THAT ISSUE TO MAKE SURE IT DOESN'T GET OUT OF HAND OR OUT OF CONTROL, AND THERE'S BEEN I THINK A LOT -- WE'VE LOOKED GREATLY AT MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT, HOW DO WE KIND OF GET A HANDLE ON WHAT'S HAPPENING, BUT THERE NEEDS TO ALSO BE A FOCUS ON PREVENTION AND HOW DO WE TRY TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY HAVE OTHER OPTIONS. IF THAT'S THEIR ONLY OUTLET FOR -- AS YOUNG PEOPLE IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS OR IN THEIR SCHOOLS, BUT LOOKING AT WHAT CAN BE DONE ON THE PREVENTION SIDE ALSO, THAT THAT WILL HELP US OUT AS A MUNICIPALITY IN TERMS OF NOT HAVING TO INVEST AS MUCH IN ENFORCEMENT IF WE CAN KIND OF CURTAIL THE ISSUE OR THE PROBLEM, AND I KNOW THAT FOLKS WHO ARE ON THAT TASKFORCE ARE ALSO BRINGING THOSE SUGGESTIONS UP IN TERMS OF HOW NOT TO JUST HAVE MONITORING AND FOCUS, BUT PREVENTION AND HOW THAT COULD LESSEN THE BURDEN THAT WE HAVE IN TERMS OF MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT IF WE DEDICATE SOME FUNDING TOWARDS THE PREVENTIVE SIDE. SO I'LL JUST SHARE THAT AS ONE IDEA, ONE THING TO KEEP IN MIND AND MAYBE AS A TASKFORCE FINISHES ITS WORK THERE WILL BE A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF A DOLLAR AMOUNT.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER KIM.

Kim: I'M GOING TO BE GOING DOWN THESE. I WANTED TO ASK THE CITY MANAGER ABOUT THE ADDS VERSUS THE ROLLBACK RATE TO DO THE 7.2 MILLION, WHICH IS WHAT YOU'RE PROPOSING IN ADDS. WHAT WOULD THAT BRING THE TAX RATE TO? >>

Futrell: GREG, CAN YOU DO THAT CALCULATION FOR ME?

Kim: WOULD IT BE BELOW THE ROLLBACK RATE? >>

Futrell: I BELIEVE IT IS SLIGHTLY BELOW, BUT DOUBLE-CHECK THAT FOR ME. IT MAY BE SLIGHTLY ABOVE.

IT WOULD BE SLIGHTLY ABOVE THE ROLLBACK RATE. LET ME

DO MY MATH RIGHT HERE.

Futrell: COME ON, UNDER PRESSURE YOU CAN'T WORK THAT LITTLE CALCULATOR.

Kim: WE'LL MOVE ON.

Futrell: WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING TO KNOW IS WHAT IS YOUR CAPACITY WITHIN THE DIFFERENT TAX RATE AND WE WILL SPELL THAT TO YOU FOR YOU.

Kim: AND THEN ON THE PUBLIC SAFETY INFORMATION, THANK YOU FOR THOSE ANSWERS. I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT IS THE PUBLIC SAFETY INCREASE FOR ONLY NEW EXPENDITURES AS COMPARED TO NEW REVENUES IF YOU COULD ADD THAT AS WELL IF YOU CONSIDER THAT. SO WE CAN LOOK AT HOW THAT TREND IS COMPARED TO TOTAL COST AND TOTAL REVENUE COMPARISONS INSTEAD BECAUSE WE'VE GOT A HYBRID OF THE TWO AND I'D LIKE TO SEE TOTAL WITH TOTAL AND NEW WITH NEW. THANK YOU. ALSO, THE COST DRIVERS. DID THAT -- YOU MENTIONED HEALTH INSURANCE. DOES THAT INCLUDE ANY OF THE THREE POLICIES THAT WE'RE CONSIDERING TODAY OR NOT AT ALL?

IT DOES NOT. AND SO LET'S GO BACK OVER THAT. WHAT'S IN YOUR COST DRIVERS RIGHT NOW IS A 10% INCREASE, WHICH IS AN ESTIMATE WE DID EARLY ON. IN CASE OUR HEALTH INSURANCE -- I SHOULDN'T SAY IN CASE. THEY ARE ALL GOING UP. FOR HEALTH INSURANCE INCREASES FOR THE STATUS QUO, THAT'S IN YOUR COST DRIVERS. WHAT IS NOT LOADED ANYWHERE RIGHT NOW, BUT WHAT COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL MENTIONED IN HIS IS THE POLICY DECISION AND WE HAVE TO FRAME THAT SPECIFIC QUESTION TO YOU ALL HERE IN A MOMENT, THAT VERY SPECIFIC QUESTION ON -- SINCE THE CHARTER AMENDMENTS, AND THAT WOULD BE CHANGING THE SCOPE AND SCALE OF OUR HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY, AND THAT IS NOT IN THESE NUMBERS YET.

Kim: OKAY. ON THE ADDBACKS, IF WE WERE TO INCREASE THE STREET MAINTENANCE FROM EIGHT PERCENT TO NINE PERCENT, WOULD THAT COME -- WHAT WOULD BE THAT

COST? AND WOULD IT BE -- WOULD IT COME THROUGH GENERAL REVENUE OR WOULD IT BE CIP OR THE BOND?

Futrell: RIGHT NOW GENERAL STREET MAINTENANCE IS HANDLED BASICALLY THROUGH YOUR TRANSPORTATION FEE. THAT IS A FUND THAT IS NOT GROWING, AND YOU ARE RIGHT THAT WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO START AUGMENTING THAT MONEY WITH GENERAL FUND MONEY. WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO DO IT UP TILL NOW, BUT IT IS A VERY PRUDENT THING TO DO. YOU GET A LOT OF BANG FOR THE BUCK WHEN YOU INCREASE YOUR STREET MAINTENANCE DOLLARS. YOU CAN'T DO IT THROUGH BONDS BECAUSE IT'S NOT ROAD RECONSTRUCTION. SO YOU HAVE A CHOICE, AND REALLY WHAT'S LEFT TO US NOW IS AN INFUSION OF CASH FROM THE GENERAL FUND.

Kim: OKAY. FOR ME THERE'S A STRONG INTEREST IN LOOKING AT STREET MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVING OUR RATE OF REPAIRING STREETS, ESPECIALLY IN THE D AND THE F CATEGORY, BECAUSE WHAT WE'RE FINDING IS THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO TOTALLY -- NOT JUST IMPROVE THE STREETS, BUT REPLACE THEM. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO DO RECONSTRUCTION ON THE STREETS. THAT'S MUCH MORE EXPENSIVE AND ALSO CAUSES DELAYS FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE TRAVELLING AS THEY HAVE TO GO THROUGH DETOURS AND AS LANES ARE CLOSED AND STREETS ARE CLOSED. SO I'D LIKE TO LOOK AT THE NUMBERS ON HOW MUCH THAT WOULD COST US. AND WE COULD DO THAT THROUGH SOME OF THESE COMBINATIONS, AS YOU SAID, WE CAN'T DO IT THROUGH BONDS, BUT WE COULD DO IT THROUGH GENERAL REVENUE AND I WOULD LIKE TO SEE HOW MUCH IT WOULD COST US TO DO THAT. I THINK IT WOULD BE A GOOD RETURN ON INVESTMENT FOR THE TAXPAYERS.

Futrell: AND WE CAN ACTUALLY GIVE YOU SOME DATA ON THAT RATE OF RETURN, BECAUSE ANY TIME YOU CUT MAINTENANCE DOLLARS THAT'S A SHORT-TERM RETURN BECAUSE IN THE LONG-TERM YOU'RE ADDING TO YOUR COST AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENS ON THE ROADS. AND IF COULD SPOT MY PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR OUT THERE, SHE'S PROBABLY DANCING IN THE STREETS TO HEAR YOU SAY THAT. STREET MAINTENANCE IS NOT A SEXY

THING, IS DOESN'T BRING A LOT OF ATTENTION, BUT IT'S CRITICAL AND IT'S BEEN UNDERFUNDED FOR SOME TIME.

Kim: ALSO LOOKING AT SOME OF THE ADD BACKS, YOU'RE SUGGESTING THE SOCIAL SERVICES AND THE PROVIDERS. I WOULD SUPPORT THAT. THERE ARE A COUPLE OF FACTORS. YOU MENTIONED THE CDBG CUTS THROUGH THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES, WE ARE WORKING HARD TO LET OUR CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION NOW THAT HOW THIS IS GOING TO IMPACT OUR SERVICES, BUT WE DO SEE THAT AS CONTINUOUSLY A THREAT IN TERMS OF BEING A PROVIDER OF LOCAL SERVICES HERE AT THE MUNICIPAL LEVEL. SO GIVEN THAT AS WELL AS THE CASELOAD OF PEOPLE WHO ARE STILL KATRINA EVACUEES IN AUSTIN, I WOULD SUPPORT THE ADD BACK HERE OF I THINK IT'S THREE PERCENT.

Futrell: I BELIEVE IT'S THREE AND A HALF PERCENT, COUNCILMEMBER.

Kim: AND THEN THE HEALTH ANIMAL SERVICES. I BELIEVE WE'RE VIEWING SOMETHING THROUGH THE ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMISSION RIGHT NOW AND STAFF'S RECOMMENDATIONS ON FEES AND SPAY/NEUTER AND A LOT OF DIFFERENT PROGRAMS THAT WOULD REQUIRE I THINK MORE STAFF AND ALSO WE'RE JUST HAVING A GROWING NUMBER OF PETS THAT ARE ENTERING THE SHELTER. SO I THINK THAT MAKES SENSE. THE DAILY THE DAY LABOR SITE IS SOMETHING THAT WE NEED URGENTLY ESPECIALLY SINCE WE AS A COUNCIL WANT TO REVISIT THE PANHANDLING IN PUBLIC ROADWAYS AND BRING THAT BACK FOR CONSIDERATION. AND THE REASON WHY WE DIDN'T GO FORWARD WITH THAT IS BECAUSE WE DIDN'T WANT TO PENALIZE DAY LABORERS. SO AS A COMPROMISE AND IT MAKES GOOD PUBLIC POLICY SENSE, WE ARE LOOKING FOR A SECOND DAY LABOR SITE SO THAT WHEN WE DO BRING THAT BACK THAT WE WON'T PENALIZE DAY LABORERS. THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH OUTREACH PERSON, IS THAT ONE F.T.E.?

IT IS TWO F.T.E.'S.

Kim: IS THERE A POSSIBILITY OF PARTNERING WITH THE COUNTY AND THE HOSPITAL DISTRICT ON THIS BECAUSE

THEY ALSO HAVE PROGRAMS THEY WOULD BENEFIT FROM HAVING SUCH A COORDINATOR, AND IT COULD BE THAT IT IS A CITY EMPLOYEE OR IT'S NOT. AND I WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO THEM MAYBE THROUGH SOME OF OUR SUBCOMMITTEES ON PARTNERING WITH THEM BECAUSE THEY HAVE PROGRAMS AS WELL WHO WILL MAKE SURE THAT PEOPLE FROM THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF AND KNOW ABOUT. ON PURCHASING, I'VE BEEN HEARING JUST THINGS FROM DIFFERENT EMPLOYEES, AND IT'S VERY, VERY DIFFERENT ANECDOTES, BUT ABOUT HOW PURCHASING HAS BEEN QUITE CUMBERSOME. AND I THINK IT MIGHT BE THE REDUCTION IN STAFF, BUT I THINK IT MAY ALSO BE SOME OF THE POLICIES AND SOME OF THE RULES THAT IS CREATING A BURDEN AND CONFUSION. AND I'D LIKE BEFORE WE CONSIDER ADDING EMPLOYEES TO PURCHASING LOOKING AT WAYS TO IMPROVE THE PROCESSES AND THOSE DEPARTMENTS AND THE RULES. AND I'D LIKE FOR OUR EMPLOYEES TO ACTUALLY SHARE WITH US EITHER ANONYMOUSLY OR IDENTIFY THEIR OBSERVATIONS AND THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS. I THINK THEY CAN COME UP WITH SOME PRETTY GOOD IDEAS AS WELL THAT WE CAN CONSIDER BEFORE WE DECIDE TO ADD PURCHASING PERSONNEL BACK TO THAT DEPARTMENT. THE AUDIT STAFF, I THINK WE NEED TO LOOK AT ADDING SOMEONE FOR REVIEW OF THE WATER UTILITY, AND I NO THAT OUR AUDIT COMMITTEE HAS BEEN TALKING TO THE AUDIT STAFF ABOUT THAT. ALSO, WE'RE GOING TO BE TALKING ABOUT LATER THE M.B.E., W.B.E. ORDINANCE, AND SO ON THE POLICY BUDGET, ONE OF THE ITEMS IS TO INCREASE STAFF AT DSMVR. BEFORE WE DO THAT, I WOULD LIKE TO COORDINATE THAT WITH THE CHAMBERS AND COORDINATE AND GET THEIR INPUT ON HOW -- WHAT I GUESS THE AUTHORITY AS WELL AS THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THOSE PERSONNEL AS WELL AS THE WOMEN'S CHAMBER. I LOOKED AT THE LAW DEPARTMENT AND SAW IT WAS POSTED FOR FOUR F.T.E.'S, IS THAT CORRECT?

WAS IT FOUR OR FIVE? I'LL GET GREG TO LOOK IT UP.

Kim: I WANT TO SAY FOUR.

IT'S FOR FOUR F.T.E.'S.

Kim: I GUESS I SAW THAT THERE WAS A 225% INCREASE IN LITIGATION. IS THAT THE TOTAL DOLLARS SPENT ON LITIGATION OR IS THAT THE CASELOAD?

MY NUMBER OR BY DOLLAR, GREG?

IT'S BY NUMBER OF MATTERS THAT THEY TRACK ON THEIR SYSTEM.

Futrell: SO CASES.

NUMBER OF CASES.

Kim: IS THAT WHERE WE'RE NEEDING THE MOST ASSISTANCE IN THE LAW DEPARTMENT? >>

Futrell: NO. THERE'S ACTUALLY A SCATTERING, AND DAVID, YOU GET A RARE OPPORTUNITY AS THE DIRECTOR TO HAVE YOUR BUDGET PITCHED, BUT THERE WERE FOUR OR FIVE HOURS WITH DRAMATIC INCREASES THERE.

AND LITIGATION IS ONE OF THEM BECAUSE IT IS A PAPER INTENSIVE ACTIVITY AND A TIME INTENSIVE ACTIVITY. THE AREA OF EMPLOYMENT IS ANOTHER AREA. WE LOST I THINK TWO EMPLOYMENT LAWYERS, AND WE HAVE ANOTHER VERY EXPERIENCED EMPLOYMENT LAWYER THAT'S LOOKING TOWARD RETIREMENT. BUT AGAIN I FORGET THE NUMBER ON A SLIDE SHOWING THAT THE EMPLOYMENT MATTERS HAD INCREASED. THAT'S A VERY SIGNIFICANT INCREASE. THOSE ARE THE TWO MAJOR AREAS. AND THAT WOULD TAKE UP FOUR POSITIONS.

Kim: WHAT ABOUT CONTRACTS? DO WE HAVE MUCH LITIGATION IN TERMS OF CONTRACTS WITH THE CITY, EITHER PRIVATE VENDORS?

YOU HAVE SOME CONSTRUCTION LITIGATION THAT'S PROBABLY TIED TO CONTRACTS IS THE THING THAT JUMPS TO MY MIND. DAVID?

I THINK THAT CONTRACT REFERENCE MAY BE A TRANSACTIONAL REFERENCE. REVIEWING AND HELPING TO DRAFT AND GIVING ADVICE AT THE FRONT END AS OPPOSED

TO CONTRACT LITIGATION.

Kim: THANKS. FOR THE CITY CLERK IN RECORD SERVICES, DID YOU SAY YOU WANTED TO ADD ONE OR TWO?

THERE'S ONE POSITION IN STRATEGIC ADDS AND IT'S FOR HELP IN THAT ARENA. I BELIEVE THAT IS, SHIRLEY, WHERE YOU PRIORITIZED YOUR NEED.

Kim: CAN WE GET CLARIFICATION ON THE CONTINGENCY, EMERGENCY -- I DON'T REMEMBER WHAT THE OTHER ONES ARE?

I WILL GET IT OUT TO ALL THE COUNCIL AS A BUDGET QUESTION.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLEY.

Dunkerley: I WANTED TO COMMENT ON SOME OF THE STAFF POSITIONS THAT ARE INCLUDED IN THIS, AND A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO WHEN WE WERE LOOKING AT MAKING SEVERE CUTS IN ADMINISTRATION, SOME 17 MILLION AND MANY, MANY 144 POSITIONS JUST IN THE SUPPORT SERVICES, THAT IT WAS CRITICAL THAT WE ADD THESE BACK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BECAUSE THEY DO REPRESENT POTENTIAL WEAKNESSES IN INTERNAL CONTROLS IN MANY CRITICAL DEPARTMENTS, THE CONTROLLER'S OFFICE, PURCHASING, JUST ACROSS THE BOARD. AND I THINK THIS IS THE TIME TO BEGIN TO ADD THOSE BACK. SO THAT AS THE WORK LOAD CONTINUES THAT WE DON'T SPREAD THE STAFF SO THIN THAT THEY CAN'T ADEQUATELY DO THEIR JOB. AND THAT -- SO THOSE ARE GOING TO BE SOME OF MY PRIORITIES TO BE INCLUDED BACK IN THE BUDGET. AND COUNCILMEMBER KIM MENTIONED THE AUDIT GROUP. I AM INTERESTED IN ADDING 35,000 OF ONE-TIME MONEY TO THE MONEY THEY ALREADY HAVE IN THEIR BUDGET FOR CONSULTING SO THAT THEY CAN GET THE ENGINEERING EXPERTISE THEY NEED TO DO A COUPLE OF AUDITS.

COUNCILMEMBER, I DIDN'T DETAIL THAT, BUT THAT IS ACTUALLY IN THE STRATEGIC ADD. WE DIDN'T GO OVER EACH AND EVERY TIME, BUT WE GAVE YOU ABOUT 90

PERCENT OF WHAT'S IN THERE.

Dunkerley: BUT I DO THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE ADD THE POSITIONS SO THAT WE HAVE GOOD SYSTEMS IN PLACE TO BE AUDITED, WHETHER IT'S BY OUR OUTSIDE AUDITORS OR INSIDE AUDITORS. SO THOSE WILL BE SOME OF MY CONCERNS.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER COMMENTS, QUESTIONS?  
COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN.

McCracken: I DON'T KNOW IF THIS IS THE RIGHT -- GREG, WE HAVE A SITUATION WITH THE COUNCIL IN RESPONSE TO OUR RESOLUTION FOR THE LEGISLATURE RECENTLY SUPPORTING THE -- IN WHICH WE REQUESTED THE AUTHORITY FOR A LOCAL OPTION REDUCTION IN THE AMOUNT THAT A HOMESTEAD PROPERTY COULD INCREASE IN TAX APPRAISAL EVERY YEAR. AND YOU'VE RUN SOME NUMBERS FOR US OF WHAT THE EFFECTIVE TAX RATE WOULD BE AT THE CURRENT 10 PERCENT STATE LAW APPROVAL CAMP AND CAP AND THEN WHAT IT WOULD BE AT SEVEN PERCENT AND FIVE PERCENT. CAN GIVE US THOSE NUMBERS OF WHAT THE EFFECTIVE TAX RATE WOULD BE AT THOSE THREE LEVELS?

SURE, COUNCILMEMBER. AND AGAIN, WHAT WE DID IS WE LOOKED AT OUR CURRENT TAX ROLL AND PROJECTED -- AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE A 10% CAP ON VALUATIONS OF TAXABLE VALUES, SO WE RAN THE SCENARIO OF SEVEN PERCENT AND FIVE PERCENT. AND WHAT OCCURS IS REALLY THERE'S A VERY SLIGHT CHANGE IN THE EFFECTIVE TAX RATE, SO AGAIN WE'RE PROJECTING RIGHT NOW 40.62 CENTS FOR OUR EFFECTIVE WITH A 10 PERCENT CAP. THAT WOULD INCREASE EVER SO SLIGHTLY TO 40.66 CENTS UNDER A 7% CAP AND THEN ANOTHER BASICALLY 100TH OF A CENT TO 40.67. SO IT'S A SLIGHT SOLICIT MEANING -- IN TERMS OF VALUE LOST. IT'S SLIGHTLY INSIGNIFICANT.

McCracken: I'LL JUST POINT OUT THEN IF WE WERE TO DO A LOCAL OPTION OF APPRAISAL CAP, THE CURRENT LAW IS 10%. IF WE WENT DOWN TO FIVE PERCENT, FOR INSTANCE, THAT WOULD CHANGE THE EFFECTIVE TAX RATE FROM 40.62 CENTS TO 40.67 CENTS OR .05 PENNIES. AND SO WE COULD

BUILD IN A LOT OF PROTECTION FOR HOMEOWNERS AND RAISE THE SAME AMOUNT OF MONEY, CUT THE TAX RATE BY NEARLY FOUR PENNIES AND HAVE ALMOST NO EFFECT ON THE EFFECTIVE TAX RATE. I THINK ONE OF THE LESSONS WE'VE LEARNED FROM THIS, AND IT'S BECAUSE IN TERMS OF OUR OVERALL REVENUE STRUCTURE IN THE CITY, THE INCREMENT WE'RE GETTING FROM PEOPLE'S HOMES IS VERY, VERY SMALL PART OF OUR OVERALL CITY TAX BASE. IT'S A BIG EFFECT ON HOMEOWNERS, INDIVIDUAL HOUSEHOLD BUDGETS. WE HAVE THE CASE -- WE SAW RECENTLY OF ONE HOUSE IN TRAVIS HEIGHTS THAT WAS TAX APPRAISED AT \$211,000 IN 2000, AND IT IS NOW TAX APPRAISED AT \$393,000. AND THAT WAS JUST ONE PERSON'S STORY. SO WE COULD BUILD IN -- WE NEED A CHANGE IN THE STATE LAW. WE'RE NOT ALLOWED TO DO IT LOCALLY. BUT WE COULD BE FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE AND BUILD IN THESE PROTECTIONS FOR HOMEOWNERS AND AT THE SAME TIME HAVE ALMOST NO EFFECT ON THE EFFECTIVE TAX RATE. AND GREG, I'LL SHORTEN IT FOR YOU. IN THE INFORMATION YOU'VE GIVEN US, IT ALSO SHOWED WHERE THE PERCENTAGES WERE INCREASING THE FASTEST. AND MY RECOLLECTION OF READING WHAT YOU HAD FOUND IS THAT THE PERCENTAGES WERE INCREASING THE FASTEST IN ALLENDALE AND DALE AND SOME OF OUR SOUTH AUSTIN NEIGHBORHOODS AND EAST AUSTIN. THAT'S WHERE THE BIGGEST PERCENTAGE INCREASES AND TAX APPRAISALS WERE COMING FROM IN THE CITY.

THAT'S CORRECT.

McCracken: I HAVE ONE MORE QUESTION, AND THAT IS THIS. JUST TO -- IF YOU COULD GIVE US A RUNDOWN OF THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES BEING ADDED, PUBLIC SAFETY AND NON-PUBLIC SAFETY IN THE BASE BUDGET. I'M SORRY, COST DRIVERS. BASIC COST DRIVERS.

COUNCILMEMBER, WHAT WE HAVE IS WE'RE ABLE TO PUT IN THE BREAK PUT TOGETHER ONE SLIDE, AND WE'RE JUST GOING TO BRING IT UP HERE. WHAT THIS IS IS LOOKING FORWARD. WHAT WE STILL NEED TO GET IS THE HISTORICAL WHERE -- HOW THE REDUCTIONS TOOK PLACE OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS, AND WE HAVE THAT DATA AND WE'LL GET THAT RELEASED TO THE ENTIRE COUNCIL. WHAT THIS IS,

THIS IS LOOKING OUT INTO THE NEXT THREE YEARS. THIS IS LOOKING INTO THE FORECAST FOR THE NEW POSITIONS THAT WOULD BE ADDED BY DEPARTMENT IN THE GENERAL FUND STARTING WITH POLICE, FIRE, E.M.S. AND THEN WORKING THROUGH THE REST OF THE DEPARTMENTS, MUNICIPAL COURT. AND AGAIN, THE CITY MANAGER MENTIONED IT'S A COMBINATION OF WHAT'S IN HERE. IT'S BOTH THE POLICIES, FOR EXAMPLE, FIRE AND POLICE ARE 2.0 AND IN '07 WE'RE ADDING SIX POLICE OFFICERS TO MAINTAIN OUR 2.0 RATIO. THE OTHER THING THAT DRIVES IT IS NEW FACILITIES. AND LOOKING AT PART, AS AN EXAMPLE, THAT'S WHERE YOU'RE LOOKING AT SOME NEW EMPLOYEES FOR OUR FACILITIES FOR THE MAC, TOWN LAKE PARK. SO THAT'S WHAT'S DRIVING THOSE. SO WE CONTINUED THOSE ASSUMPTIONS BACK OUT INTO '08 AND 2009. SO WE'RE LOOKING AT F.T.E.'S AND MAINTAINING OUR 2.0 AS WELL AS ANNEXATION AND THAT CONTINUES ON INTO 2009 AS WELL.

McCracken: I THINK WHAT WE SEE IS A QUESTION OF HOW IS IT THAT OUR ASSUMPTIONS SHOW THE GAP IN TERMS OF WHAT -- WHERE THE PUBLIC SAFETY PERCENTAGE CONTINUES TO ABSORB AN EVEN LARGER PERCENTAGE OF THE BUDGET, SINCE WE KNOW THAT ALMOST -- PROBABLY 90 PLUS PERCENTAGE OF THE CITY BUDGET IS SALARIES. SO WHEN WE SEE THAT YOU HAVE -- OTHER THAN FISCAL YEAR 2007, WHICH HAS SOME REALLY ONE-TIME EVENTS IN THE PARKS DEPARTMENT WITH THE MAC AND TOWN LAKE PARK I THINK, THAT GOING FORWARD THAT YOU SEE THAT 71 OF 81 NEW POSITIONS FOR 2008 ARE PUBLIC SAFETY. 71 OF 77 POSITIONS IN 2009 ARE PUBLIC SAFETY. AND THAT'S JUST -- THAT IS A BIG -- THAT DOESN'T EVEN INCLUDE THE O AND M COSTS FOR THE FIRE STATIONS OR NEW FACILITIES, BUT THIS SHOWS -- THE QUESTION HAS BEEN HOW IS IT POSSIBLE THAT PUBLIC SAFETY BUDGET IS JUST EXPLODING IN THE OVERALL CITY BUDGET AS A PERCENTAGE. I THINK WHAT THESE NUMBERS SHOW US IS THE EXPLANATION IS. WHEN YOU'RE ADDING 90 PERCENT OF YOUR EMPLOYEES ON A YEAR TO YEAR BASE ON AVERAGE IN ONE AREA OF THE BUDGET, THAT'S GOING TO -- THAT IS OVER TIME GOING TO JUST EAT UP A VERY, VERY LARGE PERCENT OF THE BUDGET, NOT THAT IT'S NOT OUR HIGHEST PRIORITY, BUT I THINK WE'RE SEEING THAT THIS NUMBER SHOWS THE

GENESIS OF WHY IT IS EXPLODING IN OUR BUDGET LIKE THIS.

Futrell: GREG, DO YOU HAVE THE SLIDE FOR THE MAYOR HAND?

I CAN QUICKLY START WALKING THROUGH THAT. AGAIN, THIS IS A SLIDE THAT WE PRESENTED --

Futrell: THERE IT IS. IT'S UP.

GETTING BACK TO THE \$6.4 BILLION INCREASE LOOKING AT THE MAJOR CATEGORIES, 1.5 BILLION IS FROM SINGLE-FAMILY.

Futrell: IS THAT AN INCREASE OR IS THAT THE PERCENT OF TOTAL?

THAT'S AN INCREASE IN THE PRIOR YEAR. SO THEY ARE THE INCREASES THERE. WHAT WE WILL GET FOR EVERYONE IS THE COMPONENTS OF THIS AS WELL, THE COMPONENTS OF THIS 6.4 BILLION. COMMERCIAL GOING UP 13.4 PERCENT AT 1.6 BILLION. MULTI-FAMILY YOU CAN SEE THERE. AND AGAIN, NEW CONSTRUCTION, AND NEW CONSTRUCTION IS WHERE WE GET OUR REVENUE FROM SINCE THE EFFECTIVE TAX RATE ALLOWS US TO BRING IN THE SAME AMOUNT OF REVENUE ON EXISTING PROPERTIES. SO WE'LL CONVERT THIS SLIDE FROM A GRAPHIC BACK INTO NUMBERS AND GET THAT OUT TO THE COUNCIL.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU.

Futrell: SO WE HAVE A HANDFUL OF QUESTIONS THAT NEED TO BE FRAMED IN THE CONTEXT OF THE POLICY BUDGET. SO LET'S JUST MOVE ON TO SLIDE 26 AS A WAY TO GET STARTED WITH THAT. THE REVENUE INITIATIVE IS EVALUATED EVERY TWO YEARS. ARE FEES AT THE APPROPRIATE PLACE, ARE THERE NEW FEES WE SHOULD CONSIDER? SHOULD THERE BE AN INCREASE IN A FEE, IN ANY PARTICULAR FEE? WE'RE GOING TO TALK ABOUT THE UTILITY TRANSFER RATES, THE BUDGET STABILIZATION RESERVE POLICY. THAT'S THAT FUND BALANCE DISCUSSION WE WERE TALKING ABOUT EARLIER. THE RETIREMENT

CONTRIBUTION. THIS IS A NEW ISSUE THIS YEAR. THIS HAS TO DO WITH THE COUNCIL'S DIRECTION BASED ON A SET OF CRITERIA TO GO UP ONE PERCENT ON THE PENSION (INDISCERNIBLE). AND THEN WE NEED FEEDBACK TO KNOW HOW TO PREPARE THE BUDGET. SO LET'S START WITH REVENUE INITIATIVE. DURING THE DOWNTURN WE DID COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENTS OF ALL GENERAL FUND FEES. WE ACTUALLY BROUGHT IN AN OUTSIDE CONSULTANT AND LOOKED AT EVERY SINGLE FEE THE CITY HAS IN TERMS OF INFLATION. LAST TIME THERE WAS -- LAST TIME THERE WAS AN INCREASE. WHAT OTHER CITIES WERE DOING IN TERMS OF FEES. AND WE MADE A DECISION AT THAT TIME, THE COUNCIL MADE A POLICY DECISION TO DO THIS EVERY TWO YEARS. WE DIDN'T DO IT LAST YEAR, SO THIS YEAR WE STARTED THE REVENUE INITIATIVE. I SUPPOSE THE QUESTION HERE WOULD BE SOMETIMES THERE ARE FEES YOU MAY NOT BE INTERESTED IN US EVALUATING. A COUPLE OF EXAMPLES IS YOU MIGHT SAY YOU WANT US TO LOOK AT FEES THAT MIGHT INCREASE THE COST OF HOUSING OR YOU MIGHT SAY THAT YOU ARE NOT INTERESTED IN A FEE THAT AFFECTS KIDS GOING TO POOLS. POOLS IN THE CITY. SO WE'RE TRYING TO SEE IS THERE ANYTHING HERE IN ANALYZING THE FEES. IN GENERAL OUR FEES ARE FOR VERY SPECIFIC SERVICES AND GENERALLY EACH FEE AFFECTS A SMALL GROUP OF PEOPLE. NEVERTHELESS, THE QUESTION HERE WOULD BE SHOULD WE PURSUE IT, ARE YOU INTERESTED IN EVALUATING FEES, AND IN ADDITION WE WANT TO SEE ARE THERE ANY SPECIFIC FEES OR TYPES OF FEES THAT YOU WOULD SUPPORT OR CONVERSELY NOT SUPPORT INCREASING. AND WE'LL PAUSE THERE. REMEMBER IN '05 THE LAST TIME WE DID THE FEE INITIATIVE, WE GOT ABOUT 1.1 MILLION IN ADDITIONAL REVENUE FOR THE CITY.

Mayor Wynn: BLOOD OUT OF A TURNIP.

IT WAS BLOOD OUT OF A TURNIP.

Mayor Wynn: QUESTIONS REGARDING THE POTENTIAL FEE REVENUE INITIATIVE? SO WE'LL SORT OF HOLD HARMLESS? COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL.

Leffingwell: WELL, MAYBE I DON'T UNDERSTAND THE

QUESTION, BUT I CERTAINLY DON'T SEE ANY HARM IN CONTINUING TO REVIEW IT AND ANALYZING TO SEE IF SOME ADJUSTMENTS NEED TO BE MADE. OF COURSE, I'M NOT PREPARED TO DISCUSS SPECIFICS RIGHT NOW, BUT I THINK THAT SHOULD BE DONE.

Futrell: ALL RIGHT. LOOKS LIKE WE DON'T HAVE ANY ISSUES ON DOING A FULL LOOK AT OUR FEES THAT WE'VE GOT. ALL RIGHT. LET'S MOVE ON TO THE NEXT ONE. THIS IS WHERE WE'RE GOING TO TALK ABOUT THE UTILITY TRANSFER RATES, TRANSFER FROM AUSTIN ENERGY IS 9.1%, THE FRFRER FROM THE AUSTIN WATER UTILITY IS 8.2. THE UTILITY TRANSFER MAKES UP -- GREG, WHERE IS IT NOW, ABOUT 24%?

EXACTLY.

Futrell: OF OUR TOTAL GENERAL FUND FUNDING SOURCES. NOW, YOU ALL ARE AWARE WE RECENTLY RECEIVED AN ACROSS THE BOARD INCREASE BY ALL THREE RATING AGENCIES AND ALL OUR AUSTIN ENERGY BOND RATINGS. THIS IS A PHENOMENAL ACCOMPLISHMENT THAT IS RARE FOR SOMETHING LIKE THAT TO HAPPEN. AND WE'VE DONE A NUMBER OF THINGS OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS TO EARN THOSE INCREASES, BUT PERHAPS NONE MORE IMPORTANT THAN MAINTAINING CONSISTENCY WITH OUR UTILITY TRANSFER RATES. AND SO FOR THOSE COUNCILMEMBERS WHO WENT ON THE TRIP WITH US, I THINK YOU CAN ATTEST TO THE FACT THAT WE WERE ASKED THAT QUESTION, EVERY BOND HOUSE WE WENT TO SEVERAL TIMES, AND THAT'S -- THAT'S A FACT. DURING THE DOWNTIME, IF THERE WAS EVER A TIME TO RAISE THE UTILITY RATES, THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN IT, AND WE DIDN'T. THE COUNCIL HELD TO A VERY FIRM POLICY OF NOT USING UTILITY TRANSFERS TO BALANCE THE BUDGET, BUT BASICALLY TO DO THE HARD WORK, THE HEAVY LIFTING OF FIXING A STRUCTURAL GAP. BUT NEVERTHELESS, BECAUSE IT IS A POLICY AND A COUNCIL POLICY, JUST DURING THE DISCUSSION, I WANT AT LEAST TO HAVE YOU RECONFIRM THAT OUR BUDGET SHOULD BE PREPARED AT OUR HISTORIC TRANSFER RATES OF 8.2 FOR THE WATER UTILITY AND 9.1, WHICH IS THE TOP OF YOUR COUNCIL RESOLUTION RANGE

FOR THE AUSTIN ENERGY TRANSFER AS IT STANDS.

Mayor Wynn: I'LL OPEN IT FOR COMMENTS, BUT IT SEEMS TO ME IF MY MEMORY SERVES ME WELL, YOU CHARACTERIZE THE 9.1 PERCENT COUNCIL ENERGY TRANSFER AS A COUNCIL POLICY DIRECTIVE FROM YEARS PAST, BUT MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT WAS ALSO BASED ON NUMEROUS DISCUSSIONS WITH BOND IN-- INDEBTED BONDHOLDERS OF SMCH OF AUSTIN ENERGY'S DEBT.

Futrell: THE COUNCIL PASSED A RESOLUTION THAT GAVE US A RANGE TO STAY WITHIN ON THE AUSTIN ENERGY UTILITY TRANSFER, BUT THAT RANGE WAS BASED ON THOSE DISCUSSIONS AND THAT FEEDBACK.

Mayor Wynn: IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY, DURING THE BETTER ECONOMIC YEARS OF THE LATE -- MID TO LATE 90'S, COUNCIL WAS ABLE TO MOVE OFF OF THAT MAXIMUM A LITTLE BIT AND GOT DOWN INTO THE, SAY, EIGHT AND A HALF PERCENT TRANSFER FOR AUSTIN ENERGY, SOMETHING LIKE THAT, IF MEMORY SERVES ME WELL. BUT THEN AS WE HAD OUR ECONOMIC DOWNTURN IN '01, THEN WE INCREASED THAT, BUT ONLY UP TO THE PREAGREED TO MAXIMUM OF 9.1 AND WE'VE NEVER GONE ABOVE THAT.

THAT'S RIGHT.

Mayor Wynn: COMMENTS, COUNCIL? I'LL JUST SAY THAT I CONSIDER, LIKE IT OR NOT, THE WATER UTILITY IS A VERY DIFFERENT ANIMAL THAN OUR ELECTRIC UTILITY.

Futrell: AND FINANCIALLY STRAINED RIGHT NOW WITH THE CAPITAL PROJECT.

Mayor Wynn: SOME AGREE THAT THERE'S ACTUALLY A PHILOSOPHICAL ARGUMENT THAT BASED ON THE CURRENT ECONOMICS OF OUR WATER UTILITY THAT TWO PERCENT IS ACTUALLY QUITE ONEROUS FOR THAT UTILITY TO TRANSFER OUT.

Futrell: I MAY HAVE DONE MY JOB A LITTLE TOO WELL UP HERE.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER COMMENTS, COUNCIL?  
COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL.

Leffingwell: I WAS JUST GOING TO SAY I WAS FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO BE ON THAT TRIP, AND IN MY JUDGMENT IT'S ONLY MY JUDGMENT THAT THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT THING THAT THESE BOND HOUSES HEARD FROM US THAT CAUSED THEM TO MAKE A DECISION TO RAISE OUR RATINGS WAS THE FACT THAT THE COUNCIL -- WHICH I WASN'T ON AT THE TIME -- WAS ABLE TO MAINTAIN THAT TRANSFER RATE THROUGH DIFFICULT TIMES AT A MAXIMUM 9.1 PERCENT. AND I'VE BEEN TOLD BY THE FINANCIAL PEOPLE HERE IT'S ALMOST AS HARD TO GET A SOLID ANSWER OUT OF AN ACCOUNTANT AS IT IS A LAWYER, BUT THAT THAT RATING INCREASE WOULD SAVE THE UTILITY SOMEWHERE BETWEEN FIVE AND \$12 MILLION.

Mayor Wynn: I THINK, CITY MANAGER, WE'LL SAFELY ASSUME THAT THESE WON'T BE CHANGED.

Futrell: I'LL MOVE ON. LET'S MOVE TO THE BUDGET STABILIZATION RESERVE POLICY. THIS WAS THE FUND BALANCE. THIS WAS ESTABLISHED SEVERAL YEARS AGO, HOWEVER, IN 2006 COUNCIL AMENDED THEIR FINANCIAL POLICY DURING THE BUDGET ADOPTION TO REFLECT THE FOLLOWING. FIRST IS AT THE END OF EACH YEAR ANY UNBUDGETED OR EXCESS REVENUE ONE TIME FUNDS, UNSPENT APPROPRIATIONS ARE DEPOSITED INTO THE BUDGET STABILIZATION FUNDS, AS IS EXPECTED TO BE THE FACE FOR '06. THEN TWO, DURING THE BUDGET PROCESS, THE FUND MAY BE USED FOR CRITICAL CAPITAL AND ONE-TIME EXPENDITURES, BUT NOT TO EXCEED ONE-THIRD OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE RESERVE, LEAVING TWO-THIRDS PRESERVED FOR FUTURE YEARS. THE STAFF WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE JIEWSHS USE OF OUR BUDGET ITEMS AND THIS IS WHAT WE TALKED ABOUT ABOUT NOT LOADING ONE-TIME MONEY INTO ONGOING REQUIREMENTS IN YOUR BUDGET. NOW, I DON'T WANT TO MISLEAD YOU WITH THE TERMINOLOGY OF ONE-TIME EXPENSES AND CAPITAL ITEMS. THESE ARE ITEMS THAT OUR CITY NEEDS. AND IN BOOM TIMES THEY HAVE NORMALLY BEEN FUNDED THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT'S OPERATING BUDGETS IN PRIOR YEARS. THESE ARE THE KINDS OF THINGS THAT YOU CAN DEFER

AND DELAY IN A DOWNTURN. THEY HAVE LONG-TERM CONSEQUENCES. IT'S A SHORT-TERM FIX. BUT THESE WERE TOOLS AND TACTICS THAT WERE USED ALL ACROSS THE COUNTRY DURING THE DOWNTURN. WE WERE ABLE DURING THE DOWNTURN, ALTHOUGH WE DID HAVE TO DEFER ON SOME OF OUR CAPITAL AND OUR ONE TIME EXPENSES TO BUILD A SUBSTANTIAL RESERVE FUND WHICH HAS BECOME THIS FUND. SOMETHING TO BACK UP THIS COMMUNITY SHOULD THERE BE ANYTHING ELSE THAT TAKES US INTO A TAILSPIN IN THE ECONOMY. SO THESE ITEMS, THINGS LIKE COMPUTER UPGRADES, VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS, FLEET REPLACEMENTS. THEY ARE FUNDED RIGHT NOW THROUGH THE BUDGET STABLE STABILIZATION FUND. THE RESERVE IS A STRATEGY THAT ALLOWED US TO BALANCE THE BUDGET DURING AND AFTER THE REDUCTIONS THAT OCCURRED BECAUSE OF THE DOWNTURN. THE MAIN DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THESE ONE TIME EXPENDITURES AND THOSE WE SHOW AS DEPARTMENTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES IS THAT ONE-TIME EXPENDITURES CAN BE EASILY DEFERRED IF ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY, LIKE THE EXAMPLES I GAVE YOU. FLEET REPLACEMENT, COMPUTER UPGRADES. BUT THEY ARE CRITICAL ITEMS TO RUN AN OPERATION THE SIZE OF OURS. NOW, THE CHART IS COMING UP SHOWS THE FORECASTED BALANCES IN THE BUDGET STABILIZATION FUND. AND THE ANTICIPATED TRANSFER OUT THAT ONE-THIRD AMOUNT EACH YEAR OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. FOR 2007 YOU CAN SEE THAT THE ANTICIPATED TRANSFER AVAILABLE FOR ONE-TIME COSTS IS A LITTLE UNDER 14 MILLION, 13.6 MILLION. AND WE HAVE A NUMBER OF COMPETING NEEDS FOR THESE DOLLARS. THE NEXT TABLE PROVIDES YOU A THIS PRELIMINARY LIST, AND THIS IS (INDISCERNIBLE) UP. WE CAN GET YOU DETAILED LIST. ONCE AGAIN, A PRELIMINARY LIST. AND WE'RE REFINING THESE AMOUNTS NOW. WE'RE REFINING THEM BECAUSE AS YOU CAN SEE, WE HAVE ALMOST \$17 MILLION OF NEEDS AND A LITTLE OVER 13 AND A HALF MILLION THAT CAN BE ALLOCATED AS ONE-THIRD OF THIS FUND. SO WE NEED TO LOOK FOR CONFIRMATION OF THAT AS WE MOVE FORWARD.

Mayor Wynn: COMMENTS, COUNCIL? I'LL JUST SAY AS PART OF THE COUNCIL THAT CAME UP BROADLY WITH THE

SUPPORTIVE VOTES TO IN A SENSE CHANGE THE WAY WE HANDLE ENDING FUND BALANCES IN RESERVES, LUMP THEM INTO ONE VERY LARGE BUDGET STABILIZATION RESERVE FUND AS WE WERE STRUGGLING THROUGH SOME DIFFICULT YEARS BUDGETARILY. SO MY ATTITUDE GENERALLY CERTAINLY HASN'T CHANGED WITH THAT. I THINK IT'S USING A THIRD ALLOWS US TO UTILIZE THE PRUDENT NATURE OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR'S ACTIONS, WHETHER BOTH ACCOMMODATION OF REDUCING EXPENSES AND PERHAPS HAVING A LITTLE MORE REVENUE THAN WE HAD EXPECTED. I DO WANT TO SPEND A LITTLE BIT OF TIME OVER THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS, THOUGH, TO THINK THROUGH HOW THIS CAN RELATE TO OUR UPCOMING BOND ELECTION. AND THAT IS JUST THE CONCEPT OF PERHAPS CHALLENGING -- MY INSTINCT IS VERY SMALL ELEMENTS OF OUR NEEDS ANALYSIS REGARDING LONG-TERM DEBT TO ONE TIME EXPENSE. AND THAT IS, THE OPPORTUNITY TO PERHAPS UTILIZE -- ELIMINATE THE NEED TO TAKE OUT LONG-TERM DEBT TO SELL BONDS IN NOVEMBER OF '06 OR HAVE THEM -- HAVE THEM PASSED IN NOVEMBER OF '06 IF CERTAIN EXPENSES COULD BE TAKEN OUT OF ONE-TIME MONEY. BUT MY INSTINCT IS THERE'S NOT A LOT OF OPPORTUNITY FOR THAT, BUT THERE MIGHT BE A RATIONAL TO PERHAPS MODERATELY AMEND THIS POLICY BASED ON -- AT LEAST A BASED ON AN EXCHANGE OF HAVING TO GO TO LONG-TERM DEBT FOR A PROJECT.

Futrell: THAT WOULD ACTUALLY BE CONSISTENT EVEN WITH WHERE WE'RE TRYING TO HEAD WITH THE FUNDS BECAUSE THE GOAL HERE IS TO SLOWLY BEGIN TO ADD THESE DOLLARS BACK IN TO THE OPERATING BUDGET IN A WAY THAT DOESN'T CRIPPLE THE BUDGET. SO WE'RE DEFERRING OF MAINTENANCE LEADS YOU TO THE HEAVY MAINTENANCE KINDS OF ITEMS THAT YOU CAN SEE ON SOME OF OUR BOND PACKAGE. AND IF WE CAN GET BACK TO HAVING A FUNDING SOURCE WHERE THERE IS SOME CASH FOR CIP PROJECTS, EVEN IF IT'S A SMALL AMOUNT ADDED EF YEAR, IT'S GOING TO GO A LONG WAY TO NOT GETTING US BACK INTO THIS SITUATION AGAIN.

Mayor Wynn: COMMENT, THOUGHTS? COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ.

Alvarez: YEAH. I THINK -- IT'S A GOOD POLICY THAT WE HAVE IN PLACE, AND -- BUT I THINK IT SHOULD BE CONTINUED. THE QUESTION IS WHAT IS -- WHERE DO YOU -- WHEN DO YOU COUNT YOUR ONE-THIRD, I GUESS, SEEMS TO BE AN INTERESTING POINT OF DISCUSSION. BUT -- JUST COMPARING THE ADOPTED BUDGET AND WHAT WE ADOPTED -- WHAT WE ANTICIPATED AT THE END OF THIS FISCAL YEAR THIS BUDGET STABILIZATION FUND WOULD HAVE IS 32.7 MILLION. AND SO WHAT WE'RE PROJECTING HERE IS BUDGET STABILIZATION FUND TO HAVE IS 40.8 MILLION. AND SO FOR ME -- AGAIN, FOR ME I THINK THAT THAT'S HOW THERE CAN BE DIFFERENT WAYS WE TREAT THAT ADDITIONAL REVENUE THAT WE DIDN'T BELIEVE WE WERE GOING TO HAVE OR WE DIDN'T ANTICIPATE WE WERE GOING TO HAVE AND STILL MEET OUR PROJECTIONS FROM LAST YEAR BECAUSE OUR FINANCIAL FORECAST FOR LAST YEAR IS GOING TO LOOK A LOT DIFFERENT, LOOKS A LOT DIFFERENT THAN OUR FINANCIAL FORECAST FOR THIS YEAR. AND SO I THINK WHILE I DO SUPPORT THE POLICY, I THINK THAT -- I THINK THAT IF THERE'S STRATEGIC ISSUES THAT NEED TO BE ADDRESSED AND THERE'S MORE REVENUE IN THE BUDGET THAN WE ANTICIPATED THERE WAS GOING TO BE FOR WHATEVER REASON, THEN YOU CAN LOOK IN THE SHORT-TERM I THINK TO ADDRESS SOME OF THOSE ISSUES. BUT I THINK THE REAL QUESTION IS AT WHAT POINT DO YOU SAY IT'S A THIRD OF THIS NUMBER VERSUS JUST SAYING ANY EXCESS REVENUE THAT'S OUT THERE CAN'T BE TOUCHED BY ANYONE. THAT'S THE ONLY CLARIFYING POINT THAT I WOULD TRY TO MAKE BECAUSE IN THE PAST WE HAVE SUPPORTED VERY STRONG POLICIES ABOUT THE USE OF THE ENDING BALANCE, AND SO -- AND WE STILL HAVE THOSE IN PLACE, BUT I DO THINK THAT THERE'S TIMES WHEN IT'S APPROPRIATE TO GO IN THERE AND SAY, WELL, WE HAVE THIS STRATEGIC NEED AND THERE'S A LITTLE EXTRA MONEY IN THAT ENDING BALANCE THAN WE THOUGHT THERE WAS GOING TO BE. SO MAYBE WE CAN ADDRESS ONE OF THOSE NEEDS IN THE SHORT-TERM AND NOT WAIT A LONG TIME. BUT I DON'T KNOW IF YOU CAN ADDRESS THAT, CITY MANAGER. IT COULD JUST BE A POINT THAT I'M TRYING TO MAKE BASED ON A PARTICULAR INITIATIVE THAT I'M TRYING TO GET. [ LAUGHTER ]

Futrell: ACTUALLY, I CAN ADDRESS IT. JOHN, HELP ME OUT IF I'M MISSTATING ANY OF THIS. THE WAY YOUR CURRENT FINANCIAL POLICY READS, THE TIMING IS SET IN YOUR POLICY. WHAT IT SAYS IS THAT ALL YOUR EXCESS OR ONE-TIME FUNDS THAT COME IN DURING THE COURSE OF THE YEAR FALL TO THE BOTTOM LINE TO BE LOOKED AT THE NEXT YEAR AS YOUR FUND BALANCE WITH WHICH YOU CALCULATE ONE-THIRD. HOW CLOSE AM I, JOHN? I LOVE IT WHEN HE TELLS ME I'M RIGHT.

[INAUDIBLE - NO MIC].

Futrell: SO IT WOULD TAKE AN AMENDMENT OF YOUR FINANCIAL POLICY BECAUSE YOU'RE ACCRUING THOSE ONE-TIME FUNDS DURING THE COURSE OF THE YEAR AS THE PROJECTION IS HIGHER IN ONE AREA OR ANOTHER THAN WHAT YOU BUDGETED.

RIGHT. AND WHEN WE PUT THE FUND POLICY TOGETHER, I MEAN, WE RECOGNIZED THAT THERE WOULD BE ADDITIONS. IN OTHER WORDS, THAT AS WE MOVED FORWARD WE WOULD SIMPLY NOT BE APPROPRIATING ONE-THIRD OF A NECESSARILY DIMINISHING BALANCE. WE UNDERSTOOD THAT THERE WOULD BE ADDITIONS TO THE FUND AND THEY WOULD HAPPEN EITHER THROUGH -- AS THE POLICY SAYS, EITHER THROUGH UNSPENT APPROPRIATIONS OR THROUGH REVENUES THAT WERE IN EXCESS OF WHAT WE BUDGETED. SO WE DID ADD -- FORTUNATELY THIS YEAR WE DID ADD -- WE EXPECT TO ADD A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT TO THE BUDGET SUBSTANTIALIZATION RESERVE, BUT NEVERTHELESS, THE AMOUNT THAT WE'RE SHOWING THAT'S AVAILABLE FOR APPROPRIATION IN '07 IS SMALLER THAN THE AMOUNT THAT WE APPROPRIATED IN '06. SO THAT BALANCE IS IN EFFECT BEGINNING TO DWINDLE.

Alvarez: AND AGAIN, MAYBE I'M LOOKING AT THE WRONG DOCUMENT HERE BECAUSE THERE ARE SEVERAL SERIES OF BUDGET RELATED DOCUMENTS, BUT IN THIS JULY 2005 BUDGET PRESENTATION, YOU KNOW, FOR INSTANCE, IT SAYS THAT WE HAVE OUR BEGINNING BALANCE, OUR ONE-TIME CAPITAL COST, ONE-TIME COST THAT WE HAVE PROJECTED WAS 16.4, AND THEN IN THIS ESTIMATE HERE FOR 2006 WE'RE SHOWING 17.7. AND SO I THINK THAT

CLEARLY IF THERE'S MORE MONEY IN THE ENDING BALANCE THAN WE PROJECTED, THEN IT CAN BE USED FOR CERTAIN KINDS OF PURPOSES, BUT THOSE ARE THE KIND OF ISSUES THAT I THINK WE SHOULD TALK THROUGH BECAUSE WHEN WE CAME UP WITH THOSE POLICIES, MAYBE IT WASN'T CLEAR AT WHAT POINT WE'RE DETERMINING WHAT FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR WHAT PURPOSE AND AT WHAT TIME?

Futrell: I'LL GET YOU BOTH A COPY OF THE FINANCIAL POLICY AS IT'S WRITTEN NOW. AND THAT'S BASICALLY WHAT WE'RE OPERATING OFF OF IS THAT YOU SWEEP FUNDS DURING THE WHOLE COURSE OF THE YEAR SO THAT AT THE BEGINNING BALANCE FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR THAT'S WHERE YOU MAKE YOUR CALCULATION OF THE ONE-THIRD. WE'LL GET YOUR COPY OF THE LANGUAGE AND WE'LL TALK ABOUT IT SOME MORE.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER COMMENTS, QUESTIONS?  
COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL.

Leffingwell: WELL, I'M NOT SURE WHAT I THINK ABOUT THIS, BUT IT DOES SEEM TO ME THAT PARTICULARLY IN THIS YEAR, IN THIS PAST YEAR, WE HAD WHAT AMOUNTS TO A WINDFALL, IS THAT CORRECT? AND WE HAD SACRIFICED OR PUT OFF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS PREVIOUSLY. AND IT WOULD SEEM TO ME THAT SOME AVAILABILITY FOR A SPECIAL -- FOR A WINDFALL WHEN YOU HAVE THESE KIND OF PROJECTS GOING ON SHOULD BE MADE. AND I DON'T KNOW HOW TO DO THAT, BUT PERHAPS TAKING A LOOK AT RESERVE FUND -- TAKING A LOOK AT THE RESERVE FUND AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE GENERAL FUND. I DON'T KNOW RIGHT NOW, BUT I THINK IT'S SOMETHING WORTH LOOKING AT. >>

Futrell: YOU CAN THINK OF YOUR ONE TIME FUND AS A WINDFALL. THE FACT THAT YOU HAVE A ONE TIME FUND MEANS YOU BROUGHT IN MORE REVENUE THAN YOU EXPECTED, THAN YOU EXPECTED. THAT'S A LOT OF FUNDING. BUT YOU COULD DO SOMETHING LIKE, SAY, YOU COULD ADD ON TOP OF IT THAT AT NO POINT DOES THE BUDGET STABILIZATION FUND GO ABOVE A CERTAIN DOLLAR AMOUNT OR CERTAIN PERCENTAGE OF THE BUDGET. THAT WOULD I GUESS HAVE TO ASSUME YOU HAD SOME REALLY

TREMENDOUS WINDFALLS WHERE WE WERE WAY OFF ON OUR -- >> EF.

Leffingwell: MAINTAIN A CERTAIN MINIMUM BALANCE IN THE RESERVE FUND BASED ON THE SIZE OF THE GENERAL BUDGET, WHICH I THINK WHAT YOU JUST SAID.

Futrell: WE HAVE RESERVE FUNDS THAT ARE CALCULATED EXACTLY THAT WAY. THEY'RE EITHER A FLAT AMOUNT THAT YOU'VE SAID THAT WE ALWAYS HAVE TO REPLENISH OR THEY'RE A CERTAIN PERCENT OF BUDGET. THIS FUND IS A LITTLE DIFFERENT IN THAT IT WAS ANTICIPATED IT WOULD BE -- IT WOULD ROLL IN SOME YEARS, THERE WOULD BE NOTHING ADDED TO IT AND IN SOME YEARS YOU WOULD HAVE A WINDFALL. SO THE WAY IT WAS WRITTEN WAS WHEREVER YOU END UP AT THE BEGINNING WHEN YOU'RE GETTING READY AT THE BEGINNING OF A YEAR, YOU CAN SWEEP ONE-THIRD FOR THAT YEAR'S BUDGET. IT SOUND LIKE WE NEED TO GET THE LANGUAGE OF THE FINANCIAL POLICY OUT TO EVERYBODY SO YOU CAN SEE HOW IT'S WORDED NOW.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN. [ONE MOMENT, PLEASE, FOR CHANGE IN CAPTIONERS]

ALL RIGHT, NOW, HERE'S ACTUALLY YOUR BIGGER PIECE. LET'S MOVE ON TO EMPLOYEE BENEFITS. THIS REALLY IS SOMETHING THAT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL IF WE COULD GET SOME SENSE OF WHERE YOU ARE HEADED. CURRENTLY WITH THE NEW CHARTER AMENDMENT, WE NOW HAVE -- THE CONSTRAINTS ON HOW WE CAN DO OUR SCOPE OF OUR HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY HAVE BEEN REMOVED. SO -- SO WE NEED TO HAVE SOME SENSE OF WHAT THAT LOOKS LIKE FOR YOU, SO LET ME WALK YOU THROUGH THREE OPTIONS. SINCE THE CITY'S CHARTER NOW NO LONGER SPECIFIES WHO YOU CAN AND WHO YOU CANNOT COVER IN A MEDICAL BENEFITS PROGRAM, WE ARE GOING TO GIVE YOU THREE ESTIMATES AND WE -- AND KATHY DID WE LOSE -- NO, YOU'VE BEEN VERY PATIENT. WE ALSO HAVE OUR ACTUARY HERE FOR OUR INSURANCE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE ON METHODOLOGY OR ISSUES WITH THE SCOPE. SO LET'S JUST LOOK AT THREE SCOPES. I'LL START WITH THE MOST EXPENSIVE. WHEN YOU ARE

LOOKING AT A PLUS 1 KIND OF PROGRAM, ONE ADULT, SORT OF THE CADILLAC KIND OF PROGRAM, I WOULD ARGUE THAT IT'S MORE THAN A CADILLAC BECAUSE I DON'T THINK YOU WILL REALLY FIND THIS IN THE CURRENT HEALTH WORLD TODAY, HEALTH INSURANCE WORLD TODAY, BUT IN ADDITION -- BUT YOU COULD DO A SPOUSE, A SAME SEX DOMESTIC PARTNER AND AN ADULT RELATIVE, AN OPPOSITE SEX DOMESTIC PARTNER OR A ROOMMATE, ONE ADULT. ANYONE WHO LIVES IN YOUR HOME FOR MORE THAN SIX MONTHS AND CONTRIBUTES TO THE HOUSEHOLD, THAT WOULD BE EVERYTHING FROM A -- FROM A SAME SEX OR OPPOSITE SEX LIVE-IN TO A ROOMMATE, TO AN ADULT RELATIVE WHICH YOU CAN DEFINE, THAT IS AT A MINIMUM ABOUT 1.2 MILLION. THESE ARE ROUGH NUMBERS. I DO THINK ON THIS TOP ONE I NEED TO TELL YOU THAT OUR ACTUARY WILL TELL YOU HE DOES NOT RECOMMEND THIS PROGRAM AND THERE'S A WHOLE VARIETY OF THINGS THAT I'M GOING TO LET HIM EXPRESS IF THERE'S ACTUALLY SOME INTERESTING DISCUSSION OF THIS ITEM WHEN WE WERE FIRST LOOKING AT IT.

YOU COULD TAKE THAT, YOU COULD HONE IT DOWN A LITTLE BIT MORE. YOU CAN SAY A SPOUSE OR A SAME SEX DOMESTIC PARTNER OR AN ADULT RELATIVE, A MOTHER, FATHER, CHILD, ADULT CHILD IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD. BEEN THERE SIX MONTHS, CONTRIBUTING TO THE HOUSEHOLD, THAT WOULD BE A LITTLE UNDER A MILLION, A LITTLE OVER 900, 950,000. THEN THE LEAST EXPENSIVE AND SO THE LEAST CHANGE TO THE SCOPE WOULD BE SPOUSE OR SAME SEX DOMESTIC PARTNER, THE LEAST EXPENSIVE, ABOUT 250,000, SO OBVIOUSLY THE -- THERE ARE VARIATIONS OF ALL OF THESE THAT YOU CAN PUT TOGETHER INTO DIFFERENT OPTIONS, WE ARE TRYING TO GET SOME SENSE OF WHAT THE COUNCIL'S DIRECTION IS, THIS IS NOT LOADED INTO ANY NUMBER THAT WE HAVE GIVEN YOU YET. SOMETHING WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO PLAN FOR AND FIND OUR WAY THROUGH TO. SO DEPENDING ON THE PROGRAM THAT YOU DIRECT ME TO INCLUDE IN THE PROPOSED BUDGET, WE WILL WORK TO BE SURE THAT THAT IS IN THE PROPOSED BUDGET AND ESTABLISH ENROLLMENT GUIDELINES, SO I WILL PAUSE THERE AND SEE IF THERE'S SOME DIRECTION.

COMMENTS, COUNCIL?

COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN?

I THINK THAT YOU SAID WE HAD OUR CONSULTANT HERE. I THINK IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HEAR FROM HIM, IF HE GIVES US BACKGROUND AND PERSPECTIVE ON THIS.

Futrell: ABSOLUTELY.

THANK YOU ALL. I APPRECIATE TO BE HERE AND HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN THIS FUN TOPIC TO YOU. AS THE CITY MANAGER MENTIONED THERE ARE SEVERAL DIFFERENT VARIABLES THAT WENT INTO THE CAMMATIONS AND SO WHAT I WOULD -- WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO DO IS LEAVE YOU WITH -- WITH ONE KEY IMPRESSION FOR ALL OF THIS. FOR YOU TO THINK ABOUT, THIS PROGRAM IS ABOUT RISK, THIS IS A RISK TO THE CITY YOU ARE ADDING PEOPLE TO YOUR PLAN, ADDING RISK TO YOUR PLAN OF HIGH CLAIMS. YOU CURRENTLY PROVIDE INSURANCE THROUGH TWO DIFFERENT MEANINGS, ONE INSURED, FULLY INSURED, BOTH OF THOSE PLANS YOU WILL PAY FOR WHATEVER CLAIMS MIGHT COME THROUGH THIS PARTICULAR PROGRAM. SO BY EXPANDING THE DEFINITION YOU ARE CREATING TWO DIFFERENT TYPES OF RISK. ONE RISK IS YOU ARE COVERING ADDITIONAL PEOPLE. OKAY? PEOPLE THAT OTHERWISE WOULD NOT BE COVERED UNDER YOUR PROGRAM ARE SUDDENLY ELIGIBLE TO BE COVERED UNDER YOUR PROGRAM. SO YOU AUTOMATICALLY HAVE AN INHERENT RISK OF ADDITIONAL PEOPLE INCURRING ADDITIONAL CLAIMS THAT ARE ABOVE WHAT WE WOULD NORMALLY EXPECT. THE OTHER TYPE OF RISK THAT YOU ARE SUBJECT TO IS -- IS THE FACT THAT YOU ARE ALLOWING PEOPLE TO SELECT THE DEPENDENT WHO THEY WANT TO BE COVERED UNDER YOUR PROGRAM. THAT'S THE MORE DANGEROUS OF THE TWO. OKAY. WE CAN HAVE ESTIMATES ON HOW MANY ADDITIONAL PEOPLE MIGHT BE COVERED UNDER YOUR PROGRAM, BUT EXACTLY WHAT THOSE PEOPLE'S CLAIMS ARE GOING TO LOOK LIKE IS VERY DIFFICULT TO ESTIMATE. THAT'S WHY THE CITY MANAGER SAYS THESE ARE BALLPARK ESTIMATES, THESE ARE BASED ON ACTUALLY 2005 COSTS, NOT -- 2006 COSTS, EXCUSE ME, NOT 2007 COSTS. SO LET ME WALK YOU THROUGH A QUICK

EXAMPLE. START WITH THE BOTTOM. ON THE BOTTOM -- THE LOW -- THE LEAST EXPENSIVE OPTION COVERING THE SPOUSE FOR SAME SEX DOMESTIC PARTNER. THE CITY CURRENTLY ACTUALLY COVERS OPPOSITE SEX DOMESTIC PARTNER AS LONG AS THEY HAVE GONE TO THE THE COURTHOUSE, THE SAME SEX DOMESTIC PARTNERS THROUGH OUR RESEARCH COST THE SAME AS A REGULAR SPOUSE COSTS, YOU CAN SEE THAT THIS ITEM IS NOT VERY EXPENSIVE. THIS -- IT'S AS THOUGH YOU ARE SUDDENLY ADDING A LOT OF EXTRA SPOUSES TO YOUR PLAN THAT YOU DIDN'T PREVIOUSLY HAVE. LET'S CONTRAST THAT WITH THE OTHER TWO EXAMPLES IMMEDIATELY ABOVE. YOU CAN SEE WHERE THIS RISK ISSUE COMES IN. IF YOU ALLOW YOUR EMPLOYEES TO -- TO ELECT TO COVER AN ADDITIONAL ADULT DEPENDENT, THEY COULD CHOOSE ANYONE AND MORE THAN LIKELY WILL CHOOSE SOMEONE WHO IS IN GREATEST NEED OF HEALTH CARE. WHICH MEANS THE CITY IS GOING TO BE AT RISK FOR THOSE HEALTH CARE CLAIMS. SO AS YOU THINK ABOUT PUTTING THIS PROGRAM IN AND JUCHTDING YOUR DEFINITION OF -- ADJUSTING YOUR DEFINITION OF DEPENDENCY, ELIGIBILITY FOR THE PROGRAM, WHEN TEENAGERS PER WRITTEN WAS ASKED TO COME AND PROVIDE PRICING THOSE ITEMS, HOW MUCH RISK IS THE CITY WILLING TO TAKE IN ORDER TO -- TO COVER ADDITIONAL DEPENDENTS. NOW, AGAIN, WE HAD -- AS THE CITY MANAGER MENTIONED A FAIRLY SPIRITED DISCUSSION ABOUT THIS. AND I WOULD BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY OTHER QUESTION THAT'S YOU MIGHT HAVE ABOUT OUR METHODOLOGY OR OTHER ASPECTS OF THE PROGRAM.

YOU SAID THAT THE CITY ALREADY HAD A PROGRAM, THE BOTTOM PART WHAT WAS 250,000, SPOUSE OR SAME SEXUAL --

Futrell: MAYOR PRO TEM, HE -- IT WAS THE OPPOSITE SEX DOMESTIC PARTNER. RIGHT NOW IN OUR CURRENT PLAN IF I WAS LIVING WITH A MAN BUT I DECLARED THAT WE ARE COMMON LAW, OUR CURRENT INSURANCE COVERS THAT.

Thomas: THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT, OKAY.

THAT'S CORRECT. THAT MEETS THE CURRENT DEFINITION

OF A SPOUSE UNDER YOUR CURRENT PLAN.

Thomas: GOT YOU, OKAY. WHEN YOU KEEP SAYING RISK, COULD YOU EXPLAIN THAT MORE? THE CITY BUYS INSURANCE TWO DIFFERENT WAYS, THROUGH BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD THROUGH AN HMO, RAMIREZ OF WHAT YOUR ACTUAL CLAIMS EXPERIENCE IS, YOU AND YOUR EMPLOYEES SHARE THE PREMIUM COST FOR THAT. IF YOUR CLAIMS EXPERIENCE IS HIGHER THAN EXPECTED, BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD WILL COME TO YOU NEXT YEAR AND WANT TO RAISE YOUR PREMIUM RATES, SO THERE IS A RISK FACTOR THERE OF ADDITIONAL COSTS. ROUGHLY 30% OF YOUR POPULATION IS COVERED UNDER THAT HMO. THE OTHER 70% ARE COVERED ACTUALLY IN A SELF-INSURED PLAN, WHICH MEANS THE CITY PAYS UNITED HEALTH CARE A FEE TO ADMINISTER THE CLAIMS, BUT THE ACTUAL CLAIM DOLLARS ARE DRAWN FROM A CITY ACCOUNT. SO THAT IF CLAIMS ARE GREATER THAN EXPECTED, YOU DON'T HAVE THE LUXURY OF WAITING UNTIL NEXT YEAR TO GET A PREMIUM INCREASE. YOU HAVE TO PAY FOR THOSE CLAIM COSTS OVERRUN-INS THE CURRENT YEAR. AGAIN IT'S A FINANCIAL RISK. ACTUALLY RELATIVELY SIMILAR FINANCIAL RISK TO THE HMO SIDE OF THE EQUATION. BUT IT IS AN IMMEDIATE CASH OUTFLOW THAT YOU HAVE TO PAY.

Thomas: [INDISCERNIBLE] ON THE CITY SIDE, RIGHT?

ON THE CITY SIDE.

Thomas: YES, SIR, THANK YOU.

FURTHER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS? COUNCILMEMBER KIM?

Kim: UNITED HEALTH CARE PARTNERS WAS ASKED HOW MUCH THE PLUS ONE MODIFIED PROGRAM WOULD COST AND THEY GAVE US A RANGE. WHAT I UNDERSTAND THIS \$950,000 IS A LOW END OF THAT RANGE, YOU TOLD ME THAT IT WAS POSSIBLY SOMEWHERE AROUND \$1.4 MILLION. DID YOU TALK TO THEM ABOUT THIS? CITY MANAGER?

WE -- WE TRIED GET DATA FROM AS MANY SOURCES AS WE POSSIBLY COULD GET DATA FROM. WORKING FOR A COMPANY LIKE TOWERS PE RRIN I AM KIND OF LUCKY, I AM

NOT ALONE, I HAVE OTHER CONSULTANTS IN THIS OFFICE THAT HAVE DEALT WITH THIS ISSUE, MOST NOTABLY COLLEAGUES MY SAN FRANCISCO, THAT DEAL WITH THE CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO, GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY, COUNTY OF SON SONOMA, ALL OF THOSE HAVE POLICIES SIMILAR TO THE SECOND TWO AND CERTAINLY THE THIRD WOULD BE. AND SO, YOU KNOW, BASED ON THE DATA THAT WE HAVE, FROM A VARIETY OF SOURCES, BUT FRANKLY LEANING MORE HEAVILY ON OUR DIRECT EXPERIENCE WITH THE CITY, AND OTHER EMPLOYERS LIKE THE CITY, THESE ARE ESTIMATES THAT WE FEEL PRETTY COMFORTABLE WITH. NOW, THAT BEING SAID, THERE IS NOT A LOT OF DATA IN EXISTENCE TO SUPPORT POLICIES SUCH AS THE ONE PLUS PROGRAM WHERE YOU WOULD ADD AN EXTRA ADULT DEPENDENT. SO MUCH OF THAT IS DEPENDENT ON -- ON HOW MANY AND WHICH -- WHICH DEPENDENTS AN EMPLOYEE ACTUALLY ELECTS TO HAVE COVERED AND THAT EXPERIENCE IS GOING TO VARY DRAT STICKALLY FROM CLIENT TO CLIENT.

WOULD IT ALSO DEPEND ON THE RATE OF THE UNINSURED IN A STATE? BECAUSE CALIFORNIA MAY HAVE A DIFFERENT RATE THAN TEXAS. OR CENTRAL TEXAS.

YOU KNOW, I THINK TO SOME EXTENT IT WOULD. BUT I THINK THAT -- THAT MORE OFTEN I THINK IT WILL DEPEND ON THE ACTUAL HEALTH RISKS THAT ARE INHERENT IN YOUR POPULATION. AND I THINK THAT -- THAT WE BEING HERE IN CENTRAL TEXAS HAVE CERTAINLY FOR EXAMPLE A HISPANIC POPULATION A GREATER INCIDENT OF THINGS LIKE DIABETES THAT WILL PROBABLY BE MORE PREVALENT IN YOUR POPULATION THAN YOU MIGHT SEE IN OTHER LOCATIONS. THERE ARE CERTAINLY DIFFERENCES THAT MAY COME INTO PLAY. AGAIN THIS IS -- THIS IS A VERY DIFFICULT THING TO ESTIMATE.

SO YOU DID GIVE A RANGE. WHEN WE WERE LOOKING AT THESE, I MEAN THERE'S NO ABSOLUTELY. THEY ARE VERY DEFINITELY WAS A RANGE. IN FACT THESE ARE VERY PRELIMINARY NUMBERS.

YEAH. DEFINITELY. I MEAN, WE ACTUALLY PRICED THIS AT VARIOUS RANGES ON BOTH THE SELECTION, IE HOW

EXPENSIVE THE DEPENDENTS ARE THAT ARE GOING TO BE ADDED, HOW MUCH MORE EXPENSIVE THAN REGULAR SPOUSES ARE THEY. AS WELL AS THE RANGE ON THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS THAT MIGHT ACTUALLY BE IN THE PROGRAM. THE OTHER THING THAT I SHOULD NOTE IS THAT WE -- THAT THE FIRST COUPLE OF OPTIONS ARE VERY SIMILAR TO WHAT TRAVIS COUNTY RECENTLY IMPLEMENTED. AND WE DID -- DID TALK EXTENSIVELY WITH TRAVIS COUNTY WITH THE EXPERIENCE THAT THEY SAW. IT'S ACTUALLY TOO EARLY TO SEE WHAT THEIR CLAIMS EXPERIENCE WAS, BUT WE DID LOOK AT WHAT THEIR ENROLLMENT EXPERIENCE WAS. IT WAS AROUND 2% OR SO FOR BASICALLY YOUR FIRST OPTION THAT YOU HAVE LISTED ON THE PAGE HERE.

HOW LONG HAVE THEY HAD THEIR PROGRAMS?

I BELIEVE IT WAS -- FAIRLY RECENTLY. ONLY THE BEGINNING OF 2005.

SO WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THEIR CLAIMS LOOK LIKE, SO WE WOULDN'T KNOW HOW, IF THEY WOULD HAVE TO RAISE THEIR PREMIUMS IN THE NEXT YEAR OR TWO.

THAT'S CORRECT.

WHAT THOSE CLAIMS LOOK LIKE.

AGAIN, IT'S 2% OF THEIR POPULATION THAT THEY HAD ENROLL AN EXTRA DEPENDENT. SO IT'S NOT -- IT'S NOT A DRASTIC NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL PEOPLE.

ONE CORRECTION, I THINK THAT TRAVIS COUNTY HAS HAD THEIRS FOR SEVERAL YEARS, GOING ON 10 YEARS I THINK, YEAH. THE PARTICIPATION RATE IS ABOUT 2%.

THAT'S THE PARTICIPATION IS WHAT YOU EXTRAPOLATED THINKING THAT THEIR WORKFORCE WOULD BE SIMILAR TO OUR WORKFORCE?

THEY'VE HAD DISROMS PARTNER BENEFITS FOR 12 YEARS, THE PLUS ONE I BELIEVE IS NEWER, THOUGH.

YEAH, THAT IS.

THAT IS -- THAT'S WHY WE HAD A STRONGER NUMBER FOR THE DOMESTIC PARTNER PIECE THAN PLUS ONE BECAUSE THERE JUST WANT AS MUCH TIME WITH IT.

IF WE WERE -- CITY MANAGER THIS IS A QUESTION PROBABLY FOR YOU. IF WE WERE TO FIND OUT THAT WE WERE TO ADOPT THIS PLUS ONE PROGRAM OF MODIFICATIONS WITH ADULT RELATIVE OTHER EMPLOYEE DOMESTIC PARTNERS, ALL OF THE ITEMS THAT ARE LISTED HERE, ALL OF THE FORMS OF ELIGIBILITY, WE DID FIND OUT THAT IT WOULD COST US INSTEAD OF 150,000, 1.4 MILLION, WHAT WOULD WE HAVE TO DO?

WELL, BECAUSE IT'S TWO DIFFERENT FUNDING SOURCES, SO ON THE SELF-INSURED SIDE, WE KEEP A FUND TO PAY CLAIMS AND THERE'S SOME MARGIN IN THAT FUND, BUT I MEAN THE WORST CASE THAT WOULD HAPPEN IS THAT YOU WOULD WIPE OUT THAT FUND AND BE IN THE HOLE AND YOU WOULD HAVE TO THEN DRAW MONEY. FROM A CONTINGENCY FUND FROM A -- I DON'T BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE EVER BEEN THERE BECAUSE WE WORK VERY HARD ON -- ON PROJECTING OUR CLAIMS AND KNOWING THAT THIS -- I THINK THE POINT HERE IS THAT THIS IS A LITTLE BIT MORE OF A -- THIS IS MORE OF A RISK BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE ANY EXPERIENCE WITH IT, IT'S NOT -- AS COMMON AS YOU WILL FIND IN MOST OTHER HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES, BUT, YES, THE BOTTOM LINE IS THAT YOU HAVE A FUND, YOU HAVE SOME MARGIN TO PLAY WITH IN THAT FUND. WE ROLL OVER ANYTHING IN THE CLAIMS THAT WE DON'T NEED IN THAT FUND. SOME YEARS -- ONE NEONATAL BABY WILL TAKE THAT FUND WAY DOWN. BUT IN ANOTHER YEAR, YOU MAY NOT HAVE THAT SAME NUMBER OF CLAIMS, SO IT'S VERY UP AND DOWN AND WE LOOK FOR TRENDS OVER TIME. HELP ME IF I'M --

NO, I AGREE. YOU KNOW, THE BOTTOM LINE IS IF YOU NEED MORE MONEY, YOU HAVE TO FIND IT. AND YOU HAVE TO FIND IT SOMEWHERE.

SOMEWHERE.

BLINDING FLASH OF THE OBVIOUS.

I DON'T KNOW IF THIS WOULD HELP THE DISCUSSION ANY AT ALL, BUT THESE COSTS WERE FOR ALL OF THE FUNDS, THIS IS NOT JUST A GENERAL FUND AMOUNT. SO THIS WOULD BE SHARED BY ALL OF THE FUNDS.

ALL OF THE FUNDS WHAT DO YOU MEAN WHICH --

BREAKING OUT ENTERPRISE VERSUS GENERAL FUND. WHEN WE BREAK THESE NUMBERS OUT MORE, CUT IT IN HALF FOR IT TO SAY THAT WOULD BE THE GENERAL FUND IMPACT. THAT'S THE IMPACT THAT'S GOING TO BE THE MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU, ALTHOUGH TRUST ME THE ENTERPRISE FUNDS ARE GOING TO BE WATCHING THIS VERY CLOSELY, TOO, BECAUSE THAT AFFECTS THEIR RATES. BUT GENERAL FUND IS WHERE IT WOULD BE THE HARDEST IF WE WERE OFF OR WRONG OR -- AND WIPED OUT OUR FUND.

LET ME SAY I'M FULLY SUPPORTIVE OF ADDING THE DOMESTIC PARTNER BENEFIT. I DON'T SEE ANY PROBLEM WITH THAT. THE ONE THAT GIVES ME SOME PAUSE IS THE ADULT RELATIVE OF THE EMPLOYEE. SINCE WE HAVEN'T TRIED THIS BEFORE, WE DON'T KNOW -- THIS IS BASED ON 2005 COSTS, NOT 2007, WE ARE GOING TO BE LOOKING -- TRYING THIS FOR THE FIRST TIME AND I THINK IT'S HARDER TO TAKE SOMETHING AWAY THAN IT IS TO EXPAND SOMETHING LATER. AND I WOULD LIKE TO LOOK AT HOW MUCH IT WOULD COST US TO JUST INCLUDE A -- A PARENT'S AND ADULT CHILDREN AND THEN LATER ON WE SEE THAT THIS WORKS, YOU COULD ADD OTHER RELATIVES. BUT AT THIS TIME I WOULD LIKE TO JUST SEE THE COST OF JUST -- JUST KEEPING THOSE -- THOSE TWO TYPES OF RELATIVES.

HOW DID YOU DEFINE ADULT RELATIVE? WHAT PARAMETER DID YOU USE IN THESE NUMBERS?

WE USED ANY BLOOD RELATED RELATIVE OF THE EMPLOYEE.

Futrell: OKAY. THIS IS VERY BROAD.

YEAH. IT COULD CERTAINLY BE SLIMMED DOWN A LITTLE BIT.

FRANKLY YOUR CONCERNS ARE MINE, THAT WHEN YOU EXPAND THIS TO AN ADDITIONAL ADULT RELATIVE, YOU ARE EFFECTIVE GOING INTO UNCHARTERED TERRITORY, WE DON'T HAVE A LOT OF INFORMATION TO BASE THE ESTIMATES ON. AS AN ACTUARY THAT MAKES THAT CONCERNED.

MY INTEREST IS TO MAKE SURE THAT WE KEEP THE PREMIUMS LOW FOR THE CITY AS WELL AS FOR THE EMPLOYEES, ALL OF THE EMPLOYEES IN THE CITY, I THINK THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE ARE ALL DEALING WITH AS THE RISING COSTS OF HEALTH CARE, SEEING THAT WITH GROWING PREMIUMS, WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE A PROGRAM THAT WE CAN COVER THE COSTS AS MUCH AS WE CAN FOR OUR EMPLOYEES AND FOR THEIR RELATIVES AND FOR THE DOMESTIC PARTNER, ALL OF THE DEPENDENTS THAT WE CURRENTLY COVER. AND ALSO JUST MAINTAINING OAT OWE THE HEALTH OF THE SELF INSURANCE PLAN THAT WE HAVE THE UNITED HEALTH CARE RIGHT NOW.

McCracken: DID YOU HAVE AN ESTIMATE OF WHAT THE COSTS WOULD BE IF WE WERE TO DO IT AS A PARENT, ADULT CHILDREN AS OPPOSED TO ADULT RELATIVES?

YOU KNOW, WE HAVEN'T -- WE HAVEN'T ACTUALLY CALCULATED ANY NUMBERS LIKE THAT. IT WOULD PROBABLY BE SOMETHING LESS THAN 950,000, THAN -- THAN THE \$800,000 RANGE JUST OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD.

Futrell: BUT WE CAN RUN NUMBERS LIKE THAT FOR YOU. GET SOME SENSE OF WHAT YOU ARE INTERESTED IN, WE CAN TRY TO RUN SOME SCENARIOS BASED ON THAT. MAYOR --

Leffingwell: YEAH. IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT WE ARE NOT MAKING ANY FINAL DECISION ON THE EXACT DETAILS OF ANY PARTICULAR PLAN, JUST NEED SORT OF A GENERAL DIRECTION FOR BUDGET PLANNING PURPOSES. THAT BEING SAID, I -- I THINK THAT -- THAT OUR GOALS SHOULD BE TO EXTEND HEALTH CARE AS BROADLY AS POSSIBLE. TO -- TO FAMILY AND LOVED ONES OF -- OF CITY EMPLOYEES. ROOMMATES MAY BE GOING A LITTLE BIT TOO FAR. I DON'T KNOW IF THAT FALLS INTO THE CATEGORY OF POLITICAL OR

NOT. COULD BE, BUT AS I UNDERSTAND OPTION NUMBER 2  
HERE IS THE -- BASICALLY THE TRAVIS COUNTY PLUS ONE  
OPTION NUMBER 2 IS?

ACTUALLY, NUMBER ONE IS.

NUMBER ONE IS?

WELL, I -- I WOULD ADVOCATE PROCEEDING ON THE BASIS  
OF -- OF OPTION NUMBER 2, AT LEAST FOR PLANNING  
PURPOSES. AND I THINK THIS MORNING WE PASSED A  
RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO COME BACK  
WITH MORE DETAILS AND A SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS  
AND MORE DETAILED PLANS. BUT FOR PLANNING  
PURPOSES, I WOULD CERTAINLY LIKE TO AT LEAST GO WITH  
OPTION NUMBER 2. ON THAT BASIS AND -- AND SITTING HERE  
TODAY, AND -- AND SAYING THAT WE ARE NOT EVEN GOING  
TO CONSIDER ADULT RELATIVES IS -- IS SOMETHING -- I  
DON'T WANT TO MAKE THAT DECISION TODAY. I DON'T WANT  
-- SO THAT WE CAN POSSIBLY CONSIDER DOING THAT,  
GETTING AS CLOSE TO THE TRAVIS COUNTY PLUS ONE  
PROGRAM AS WE CAN. SO -- SO THAT'S MY COMMENT.

Futrell: THAT'S HELPFUL.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN.

McCracken: I AGREE WITH COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL. I  
THINK LIMITING MIGHT BE HELPFUL FOR US AS WE MAKE THE  
DECISION IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER IS -- ONE THING THAT  
MIGHT BE HELPFUL, MAYBE BROKEN OUT INTO TWO  
COMPONENTS, ONE WOULD BE FOR DOMESTIC PARTNERS  
AND THE SECOND WOULD BE FOR -- FOR ADULT RELATIVES  
SO WE COULD KIND OF GET THAT DLIN NATION AS WE --  
DELINEATION AS WE SET OUR BUDGET PRIORITIES AND  
ACTUALLY APPROVAL BECAUSE -- THE OTHER THING  
[INDISCERNIBLE] ANOTHER QUESTION, WE HAVE SPOUSE OR  
SAME SEX DOMESTIC PARTNERS, WE HAVE A POLICY THAT  
WE WILL COVER OPPOSITE SEX DOMESTIC PARTNERS IF  
THEY GO FILE THE -- THE COMMON LAW MARRIAGE THING.  
INFORMATION ON HOW MANY -- DO WE HAVE ANY  
INFORMATION ON HOW MANY OF OUR CITY EMPLOYEES  
CHOOSE NOT TO FILE A COMMON LAW MARRIAGE SO THAT

WE HAVE A SITUATION WHERE -- WHERE THERE ARE OPPOSITE SEX DOMESTIC PARTNERS BUT THEY DON'T -- WE DON'T KNOW?

THERE WOULD BE NO WAY FOR -- THE NUMBER WE COULD GET YOU IS THOSE WHO HAVE FILED COMMON LAW. OR DO YOU MAKE A DISTINCTION, KATHY, IT'S JUST LISTED AS SPOUSE?

I'M NOT SURE THAT I THINK -- I THEY ARE LISTED AS SPOUSE.  
[INAUDIBLE - NO MIC]

BROKEN OUT, YOU KNOW, SO THAT WE COULD PULL EVEN THOSE OUT.

McCracken: DO YOU HAVE A READ ON WHAT -- THE OPINION IF IT WOULD BE AN IMPACT IF WE WERE TO EXPLICITLY INCLUDE OPPOSITE SEX DOMESTIC PARTNERS WITHOUT THE REQUIREMENT OF THE COMMON LAW MARRIAGE FILING [MULTIPLE VOICES] TOWERS PERRIN, YEAH?

I DO.

OH, [LAUGHTER] BASICALLY WHAT WE HAVE ASSUMED, SAME SEX PARTNERS, HALF OF YOUR EMPLOYEES DECIDE TO ENROLL SOMEONE ADDITIONAL. IF YOU EXPAND THAT DEFINITION TO COVER SAME SEX AND OPPOSITE SEX, YOU GET ABOUT ONE PERCENT, YOU DOUBLE THE NUMBER OF ORIGINAL PARTICIPANTS THAT YOU MIGHT GET. GIVEN THE FACT THAT THE CITY ALREADY HAS A LOT OF THOSE OPPOSITE SEX DOMESTIC PARTNERS LIKELY COVERED, YOU ARE NOT GOING TO SEE THAT BIG OF A DIFFERENCE BY EXPANDING YOUR DEFINITION.

Futrell: BUT IT DOES FRAME SOME ENFORCEMENT ISSUES. IS THAT WHERE YOU ARE HEADING.

THAT'S WHERE I WAS HEADING. HOWEVER THE PROBLEM THAT YOU RUN INTO THERE IS -- FOR BOTH ACTIVES AND PARTICULARLY THE CASE OF RETIREES, YOU WILL SEE PEOPLE NOT WANT TO REGISTER BECAUSE IT MIGHT MEAN THE LOSING OF OTHER BENEFITS, A RETIREE MIGHT LOSE A SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFIT IF THEY REGISTER AS MARRIED

AS OPPOSED TO SINGLE. THAT'S WHY WE DON'T HAVE A GOOD READ ON HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE OUT THERE THAT DON'T SIGN UP FOR THIS TYPE OF COVERAGE.

I THINK THAT HE SHOULD ALSO FOR BUDGETING PURPOSES INCLUDE EXPLICITLY OPPOSITE SEX DOMESTIC WITHOUT THE REQUIREMENT, THE FILING, IT SOUNDS LIKE WE ARE TO SOME DEGREE CAPTURING AT LEAST SOME OF OUR CITY EMPLOYEES WHO MAY HAVE NO BUDGET IMPACT AT ALL. BUT WE WILL AT LEAST FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, WHEN WE COME BACK WITH THAT EXPLICIT INCLUSION THAT MIGHT GIVE US MORE TIME TO MODEL A COST ON THAT AS WELL.

THAT'S FINE. WE COULD CERTAINLY PRICE IT OUT AGAIN. I THINK THAT WE WOULD PROBABLY NEED TO INVOLVE YOUR LEGAL COUNSEL TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY ARE COMFORTABLE, THAT WE ARE ACTUALLY GOING TO BE ABLE TO ENFORCE ANY RULES THAT THE CITY PLAN MIGHT CHOOSE TO IMPOSE UNDER THAT SCENARIO. BUT WE WILL ANALYZE ALL OF THAT TOGETHER AND GET YOU A COMPLETE PACKAGE.

McCracken: YEAH BECAUSE I GUESS THE ONE THING THAT I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH BACKGROUND ON RIGHT NOW IS HOW IT WOULD BE DIFFERENT TO HAVE -- FROM AN ENFORCEMENT STANDPOINT, SAME SEX, OPPOSITE SEX DOMESTIC PARTNERS.

YOU COULD IF YOU ARE -- IF YOU ARE NOT VIGILANT IN UPDATING YOUR INFORMATION, COULD RUN INTO A SITUATION WHERE YOU WOULD BE ALLOWING SOMEONE TO COVER A SPOUSE AND ALLOW THEM TO COVER A DOMESTIC PARTNER, OPPOSITE SEX DOMESTIC PARTNER FOR THE SAME HOUSEHOLD AND THE ASSOCIATED CHILDREN INDEPENDENTS THEREIN. SO AGAIN THAT'S --

OR ANOTHER EXAMPLE WOULD BE A ROOMMATE AS OPPOSED TO DOMESTIC PARTNER.

OR EXACTLY, NON-SPOUSES, IE, ROOMMATES TO BE COVERED AS WELL. YOU REALLY START TO CROSS THE LINE BETWEEN WHAT'S GOOD PLAN MANAGEMENT, WHAT'S KIND OF QUESTIONABLE PLAN MANAGEMENT AS FAR AS WHO IS IN

YOUR PLAN.

McCracken: WE WILL -- WE REALLY RELY ON YOU TO SET PARAMETERS TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE BEING COST EFFECTIVE, MINDFUL OF RUNNING THIS PLAN CORRECTLY. SEEMS TO ME PRETTY STRAIGHTFORWARD THAT IT WOULD BE EASY TO MONITOR A SPOUSE AND AN OPPOSITE SEX DOMESTIC PARTNER BECAUSE THAT WOULD SUDDENLY BE TWO PEOPLE ON THE POLICY, PRESUMABLY WE ARE COVERING ONE. THIS PLUS ONE. THAT'S ONE OF THE THINGS WHEN YOU COME BACK TO US WITH MORE DETAIL, LOOK AT THAT.

Futrell: I KNOW THIS ALL SOUNDS -- PART OF IT IS IT'S AN HONOR SYSTEM IN MANY WAYS. BECAUSE IF YOU ARE LIVING WITH A ROOMMATE AND YOUR ROOMMATE IS ILL AND NEEDS INSURANCE, YOU MAY JUST SAY THAT'S MY DOMESTIC PARTNER REGARDLESS OF SAME SEX OR OPPOSITE SEX, CORRECT? IN MANY WAYS AS I SAY ALMOST EVERY SYSTEM REALLY BOILS DOWN TO SOME SORT OF AN HONOR SYSTEM OUTSIDE OF THE MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE.

IT DOES. YOU CAN DO CERTAIN THINGS AS A PLAN SPONSOR TO AUDIT DEPENDENTS AND WHETHER OR NOT THEY REALLY DO MEET YOUR ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA. BYE-BYE AND LARGE -- BY AND LARGE IT DOES COME DOWN TO THE HONOR SYSTEM AND WHAT PEOPLE ARE WILLING TO PAY FOR IT. UNFORTUNATELY PEOPLE WILL WILLING TO PAY THE EXTRA PREMIUM TO GET INTO THE SYSTEM, THEY ARE LIKELY GOING TO HAVE A HEALTH CARE NEED THAT IS GOING TO MORE THAN GET THAT MONEY BACK FOR THEM. THAT'S WHY THEY ARE GAMING IT IN THE FIRST PLACE.

WHAT I HAVE HEARD HERE. ONE THING THAT I HAVE HEARD THAT I DON'T HEAR A LOT OF INTEREST IN INSURING A ROOMMATE. THE REST OF WHAT I AM HEARING, YOU NEED MORE DATA, YOU WANT TO UNDERSTAND HOW IT STAIR STEPS, TEARS UP AS YOU ADD. MAYBE EVEN AN ADULT RELATIVE TO DO THAT IN SEVERAL DIFFERENT DEFINITIONS OF ADULT RELATIVE, TRY TO GIVE YOU ALL SOME BETTER COST AND ENFORCEMENT INFORMATION.

I DO THINK THAT WE NEED TO REMAIN MINDFUL, WHILE WE

DO A -- HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO BE MINDFUL, TALK ABOUT HEALTH INSURANCE AND WE -- ONE OF THE THINGS THAT DROVE PROPOSITION SIX WAS THAT WE HAD CITY EMPLOYEES WHO WERE HAVING THE LOVED ONE'S HEALTH PUT UNNECESSARILY AT RISK, HAVING THEIR FAMILY FINANCES DEVASTATED. REALLY IN THE GRAND SCHEME OF OUR BUDGET RESPONSIBILITIES, AT A SMALL COST WE WERE ABLE TO REALLY IMPROVE THE LIVES, THE FINANCES AND THE -- YOU KNOW THE -- THE WELL-BEING OF OUR CITY WORKFORCE AND THEIR FAMILIES BY DOING THIS. I THINK THIS IS A GOOD INVESTMENT.

COUNCILMEMBER KIM?

SINCE WE WERE ASSEMBLING ALL OF THE NUMBERS FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, I ALSO WANTED TO SEE IF WE COULD LOOK AT RETIREES IN TERMS OF SEPARATING OUT RETIREES ALREADY IN THE PROGRAM, ASK OUR ATTORNEY IF THAT WAS POSSIBLE AND MAYBE DAVID SMITH CAN TALK ABOUT THAT. ABOUT RETIREES.

WHAT'S THIS --

THE QUESTION IS THIS. THE QUESTION IS COULD YOU SAY IT'S ALL ACTIVE EMPLOYEES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS NOW, BUT ONLY PERSPECTIVE RETIREES, NOT MAKE IT -- IS THAT -- ARE YOU ABLE TO DO THAT IN A PLAN?

YOU WOULD HAVE TO -- WELL, THAT WILL BE ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE WILL LOOK AT.

IN TERMS OF THE COST?

RIGHT. FOR THAT.

WELL, THE COST AND MAKE SURE THAT THERE'S NO LEGAL ISSUE I SUPPOSE.

RIGHT, THE LEGAL ISSUE. WE CAN COST OUT THE ACTIVES VERSUS THE RETIREES. ACTUALLY THEY HAVE DONE THAT.

AND COUNCILMEMBER AND CITY MANAGER, ANITA STEPHENSON IN MY OFFICE HAS BEEN WORKING ON THIS

SINCE EARLIER IN THE DAY, WE CAN GET A DEFINITIVE ANSWER FOR THAT. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, DIRECTIONS.

ONE LAST QUESTION HERE, WE WILL MOVE ON TO THE LAST TOPIC. IN 2007 THE -- FOR THE FIRST TIME THE CITY WILL MAKE AN ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THIS IS PURSUANT TO A SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING PLAN ADOPTED BY MAY 2005. THE PLAN WAS ADOPTED BECAUSE CHANGES IN MARKET EARNINGS OF THE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM IN THE EARLY 2000 THAT CREATED A LARGE UNFUNDED ACTUARIAL LIABILITY. COULD NOT BE PAID OFF IN A REASONABLE PERIOD. THE PLAN WAS VERY SPECIFIC PARAMETERS FOR THE CONDITION THAT WOULD FUND THIS ONE TIME STIPEND, THE NUMBER OF YEARS IT WAS FUNDED UP TO. IN THIS CASE THE STIPEND IS EQUAL TO 1% OF THE COMPENSATION IN 2007. IT APPEARS THAT 2007 WILL BE THE FIRST YEAR THAT WE WOULD TRIGGER THIS ONE PERCENT. I'M ASKING, THIS IS THE LAST QUESTION BEFORE WE MOVE ON TO JUST OUR FINAL TIME LINE, IS -- IS JUST TO RECONFIRM WITH COUNCIL THAT THE MAY 2005 DIRECTION ON THE PENSION CONTRIBUTION STANDS.

COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLY?

AS THE COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THAT BOARD, I WOULD LIKE TO GO AHEAD WITH THE CONTRACT THAT WE HAVE IN PLACE. THERE ARE PERFORMANCE MEASURES IN THAT CONTRACT IF THE NET -- THE NET RETURNS ARE AT A CERTAIN LEVEL, WE BELIEVE THAT'S 12%. WE WOULD NOT HAVE TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION IN THAT YEAR. IN THE CURRENT YEAR THAT GOAL WAS NOT MET AND SO -- SO UNDER OUR CURRENT CONTRACT THEY ARE EXPECTING THE ONE PERCENT INCREASE AND I THINK THAT'S -- I THINK THAT IT'S AN IMPORTANT THING TO DO. WE DO HAVE OTHER RESTRICTIONS ON THE PLAN AND THAT THE BOARD CANNOT UNILATERALLY APPROVE ANY INCREASES TO THE BENEFITS OR FOR THAT MATTER EVEN A COST OF LIVING WITHOUT IT COMING BACK TO COUNCIL, SO I THINK THAT WE HAVE -- THAT THE CONTROLS IN PLACE AND MY RECOMMENDATION WOULD BE [INDISCERNIBLE] FOR FOLLOWING IT.

I AGREE, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE ON THAT BOARD, BETTER. FURTHER COMMENTS ON THE ERS ADDITIONAL --

ALL RIGHT. LET'S MOVE TO THE VERY LAST SLIDE. SO, COUNCIL, WHAT HAPPENS NOW IS WE MOVE FORWARD OVER THE NEXT SIX, SEVEN, EIGHT WEEKS, PUTTING TOGETHER THE PROPOSED BUDGET -- JULY 27<sup>th</sup> WHICH IS THE FIRST COUNCIL MEETING AFTER THE BREAK, WILL BE WHEN THAT BUDGET IS PRESENTED. ALL THROUGH AUGUST YOU HAVE A SERIES OF BUDGET PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS, AND INTO SEPTEMBER ALMOST TWO WEEKS INTO SEPTEMBER BEFORE YOU GET TO YOUR THREE BUDGET APPROVED READINGS ON SEPTEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>. SO THE BUDGET CALENDAR WE WILL BE BACK TO YOU WITH THE PROPOSED BUDGET PRESENTATION FORMALLY ON JULY 27<sup>th</sup>, BUDGET QUESTIONS, THERE'S A PROCESS, GREG WOULD YOU LIKE TO TALK ABOUT THE BUDGET QUESTION PROCESS.

THANK YOU, CITY MANAGER. YEAH, WE WILL KEEP IN PLACE THE SAME BUDGET PROCESS THAT WE'VE HAD FOR THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS, ANY QUESTION THAT YOU OR YOUR STAFF HAVE FEEL FREE TO E-MAIL TO MYSELF OR THE CITY MANAGER. WE WILL APPROXIMATE YOU THE THAT INTO OUR SYSTEM, GET THE QUESTIONS OUT FOR THE APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT, THEN WITHIN A SHORT TURN AROUND, HOPEFULLY FOUR TO FIVE DAYS WE WILL GET THAT QUESTION ABOUTBACK TO YOU POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE FOR ALL CITIZENS TO SEE THE RESPONSE.

Futrell: WE DISTRIBUTE ALL OF THE BUDGET QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS TO ALL OF THE COUNCILMEMBERS, SO THAT PEOPLE CAN FOLLOW ALONG WITH THE QUESTIONS AND ISSUES THAT ARE HAPPENING DURING THE BUDGET PREPARATION PROCESS?

MAYOR, THAT'S -- THAT'S THE PRESENTATION.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN.

McCracken: ONE THING WE HAVEN'T TALKED ABOUT IS WHAT THE TAX RATE WILL BE. I'M GOING TO BRING YOU A BAPPED PROPOSED BUDGET AT THE EFFECTIVE RATE. THAT'S BASE

BUDGET AND COST DRIVERS. WORK ON PRIORITY, ONE TIME VERSUS ONGOING, THAT'S WHERE YOU WILL HAVE THE POLICY CHOICE OF TRYING TO DECIDE HOW FAR YOU WANT TO GO, WE WILL ALSO HAVE AGENTS MORE REVENUE INFORMATION BY THE WAY. WHICH WILL HELP US. AS YOU REMEMBER LAST YEAR ADDITIONAL MONEY CAME IN BECAUSE OF THE TAX ROLL CHANGE. SO YOU HAD ADDITIONAL DOLLARS WE WEREN'T ANTICIPATING. THAT CAN ALSO HELP TOWARDS STRATEGIC ADDS.

LAST YEAR WE ACTUALLY GAVE YOU GUIDANCE TO THIS STAGE, WHAT THE TAX RATE SHOULD BE.

Futrell: I'M WILLING TO CERTAINLY TAKE THAT DISCUSSION FROM YOU. I ALSO WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE THE OPTION OF HAVING YOUR BUDGET BALANCE THAT EFFECTIVE AND THEN KNOW WHAT THE OPERATIONAL NEEDS ARE BEYOND THAT. BUT I'M CERTAINLY OPEN FOR THAT DISCUSSION.

ONE OF THE THINGS THAT -- IN LOOKING AT THE NUMBERS RIGHT NOW, WE COULD CUT THE TAX RATE BY -- BY 2.2 CENTS AND STILL CAPTURE ALL OF THE EFFORTS THAT WE HAVE MADE ON THIS COUNCIL AND THE COMMUNITY HAS MADE TO BUILD OUR TAX BASE. ONE OF THE -- MY SENSE IS THAT -- THE REASON WHY WE BUILD THE TAX BASE IS SO THAT WE CAN ACHIEVE THROUGH PROSPERITY THE THINGS THAT THE COMMUNITY WANTS AS OPPOSED TO RAISING THE TAX RATES. AND -- AND YOU KNOW IF YOU ARE BUILDING THE TAX RATE, AND YOU ARE -- YOU ARE NOT USING THAT PROSPERITY TO -- TO IMPROVE THE COMMUNITY, WHAT YOU ARE BASICALLY SAYING IS THAT -- THIS IS AS GOOD AS IT CAN EVER GET. IF WE -- YOU KNOW, HE EFFECTIVE TAX RATE YOU ARE SAYING THIS IS GAS AS IT WILL EVER BE. KEEPING THINGS THE SAME. AS YOU HEARD FROM THE COUNCIL, WE HAVE A LOT OF COMMUNITY NEEDS THAT -- THAT -- THAT ARE VERY LEGITIMATE AND THAT THERE'S ENORMOUSLY BROAD CONSENSUS IN THE COMMUNITY THAT WE NEED LIKE BETTER MAINTENANCE OF PARKS AND BETTER MAINTENANCE OF STREETS AND -- YOU KNOW, THINGS LIKE THAT. AND IN FACT HELP -- HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS FROM THE -- FROM THE RESULT OF THE VOTERS. SO I DON'T BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD IGNORE THE OPPORTUNITY TO

TAKE THIS PROSPERITY, CUT THE TAX RATE, TAKE THE PROSPERITY TO IMPROVE THE COMMUNITY, PEOPLE'S LIVES, BECAUSE I DON'T THINK THIS IS GAS AS IT CAN GET. I THINK WE CAN DO BETTER IN THE COMMUNITY, I WOULD LIKE TO USE OUR PROSPERITY AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WHAT ARE -- THERE'S A BROAD CONSENSUS OF THE COMMUNITY TO ACHIEVE. ANTI-GANG EFFORTS LIKE COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ SAID. SO --

Futrell: DID I HEAR YOU TO SAY THEN THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE AN INTEREST UP TO 42.12, LESS THAN THE NOMINAL OR CURRENT RATE, WAS THAT THE DIFFERENTIAL.

McCracken: YEAH.

Futrell: OKAY.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL.

Leffingwell: I WOULD JUST SAY I ALSO HAD THAT SAME INTEREST.

Kim: CITY MANAGER HOW WOULD THAT WORK IF YOU HAVE STRATEGIC ADDS, WE ARE ASKING YOU TO DO MORE, BALANCING THE BUDGET AT THE HIGHER RATE.

Futrell: IT WOULD BE VERY SIMILAR TO ACTUALLY WHAT HAPPENED LAST YEAR. IF I CAN GET YOU BASE BUDGET AND COST DRIVERS AT THE EFFECTIVE TAX RATE, THEN YOU KNOW EXACTLY WHAT YOUR MARGIN IS FOR THE THINGS THAT YOU WANT TO ADD AND WE WILL BE CREATING A LIST WITH MEASURES, COUNCIL DIRECTION, SEPARATE IT BETWEEN ONGOING AND ONE TIME FOR YOU TO MAKE THE POLICY DECISION OF HOW MUCH YOU WANT TO ADD, WHAT ARE YOUR TOP PRIORITIES AND HOW FAR YOU ARE WILLING TO TAKE THAT RATE. KNOWING THAT YOU DO BUMP UP AT A -- AT 42.12. THAT'S STILL SIGNIFICANTLY LESS THAN THE CURRENT TAX RATE OF 44.30. SO YOU WILL HAVE -- YOU WILL KNOW HOW MUCH THAT IS IN TERMS OF DOLLARS AND YOU CAN TAKE A LOOK AT EVERYTHING ON THE STRATEGIC ADD AND THEN IN PACKAGES OF ONE BY ONE AS A POLICY DECISION TO DECIDE HOW YOU ADD OR STAIR STEP UP

UNTIL YOU GET TO THE ROLLBACK RATE.

OKAY.

MY INSTINCT THEN IS AS PART OF OUR BUDGET PROCESS, VERY SLIGHTLY -- VARIES SLIGHTLY EACH YEAR, THAT THERE ESSENTIALLY BE A MOTION AND A SECOND ON THE TABLE FOR IN EFFECT THAT MIGHT BE A BASE BUDGET WITH COST DRIVERS, WE AS A COUNCIL THROUGH THE AMENDMENT PROCESSES, WITH THE MAJORITY SUPPORT, CAN HAVE -- CAN HAVE CRITICAL ADD BACKS, NEW PROGRAMS, INTO THE -- INTO THE CITY MANAGER'S BUDGET AND THEN WE -- BY THEN WE WILL HAVE PRICED ESSENTIALLY WITH THE TAX RATE, YOU KNOW, PORTIONS OF PENNIES, THE TAX RATE, THE COST OF THOSE INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMMATIC ADDS.

THAT'S REALLY VERY SIMILAR TO ACTUALLY WHAT HAPPENED LAST YEAR.

COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLY.

Dunkerly: I WOULD REALLY LIKE TO CONCUR BECAUSE WE HAVE CUT A BUDGET AS SEVERELY AS WE HAVE DONE OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS, SOME 25% OF THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET, YOU REALLY CAN'T GET BACK AND RESTORE THOSE THINGS STAYING STRICTLY TO THE EFFECTIVE RATES, SO I'M GOING TO SUPPORT GROWING UP AS MUCH AS WE CAN GO AND BEGIN TO RESTORE THOSE CRITICAL CITY SERVICES THAT I THINK WE NEED.

FURTHER COMMENTS? QUESTIONS? COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN.

McCracken: AND I WILL SAY THAT -- THAT IN -- RECOMMENDING THE -- [INDISCERNIBLE] TO GO TO A TAX RATE THAT IS -- THAT IS 2.2 CENTS LESS THAN THE CURRENT TAX RATE, THAT TAX RATE THAT [INDISCERNIBLE] 42.12, IT'S STILL BY FAR THE LOWEST TAX RATE OF ANY BIG CITY IN THE STATE. WE HAVE THE HIGHEST BOND RATING OF ANY BIG CITY IN THE STATE AND WE ARE THE FIRST CITY IN THE STATE TO GO TO -- THE LEGISLATURE ASKED TO GIVE HOMEOWNERS LOCATION FROM TAX INCREASES, WE ARE

TAKING OUR FISCAL RESPONSIBILITIES VERY SERIOUSLY. I THINK ONE OF THE BENEFITS OF BEING FISCALLY RESPONSIBILITY IS THAT WE ARE GETTING MORE PROSPERITY. THE ISSUE IS WE WANT TO TAKE THIS AND PUT IT TO WORK FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE COMMUNITY SO WE CAN KEEP RATES LOW AND PROVIDE FOLKS WITH THE QUALITY OF LIFE THAT -- COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL AND COUNCILMEMBER KIM AND I ARE IN THE EMERGING TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE. WE HAVE BEEN BRINGING IN VENTURE CAPITALISTS, COMMITMENT DEVELOPMENT EXPERTS, CEO'S FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY, FOR GOING ON ALMOST -- ALMOST 7 OR 8 MONTHS NOW. WE SAID WHAT IS IT THAT MAKES AUSTIN AN ATTRACTIVE PLACE TO DO BUSINESS, TO BRING IN MORE OPPORTUNITY. EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THEM TO A PERSON SAID IT THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN THIS COMMUNITY. SO -- SO IF YOU DON'T INVEST IN YOUR QUALITY OF LIFE IN YOUR COMMUNITY, I HAVE BEEN IN COMMUNITIES THAT DON'T INVEST IN QUALITY OF LIFE. YOU DON'T WANT TO LIVE IN A COMMUNITY LIKE THIS. THESE INVESTMENTS PAY OFF IN A WHOLE MYRIAD OF WAYS.

THANK YOU, FURTHER COMMENTS, QUESTIONS? OKAY. OF COURSE THE CITY MANAGER WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE AS WE INDIVIDUALLY CONTINUE TO -- TO REFINE OUR THOUGHTS ON -- ON PROGRAMS OR ADD BACKS, WE GET THAT INFORMATION TO HER AND HER OFFICE SOONER RATHER THAN LATER AS THEY GO TO PRESS SOON. THANK YOU ALL.

THANKS.

COUNCIL, A COUPLE OF QUICK AGENDA ITEMS. BECAUSE OF A COUPLE OF SCHEDULING CONFLICTS, WE APOLOGIZE FOR FOLKS HAVING TO WAIT AROUND. THOSE -- THOSE ITEMS RELATED TO OUR M/W.B.E. ORDINANCES, 46, 47, 48 AND 49, STAFF HAS CONFIRMED THAT THERE WON'T BE A PROBLEM POSTPONING THESE, THE IN FACT THAT A NUMBER OF KEY ADVOCATES HAD SCHEDULING CONFLICTS AND HAD TO LEAVE EARLIER. I WOULD ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO POSTPONE FOUR ITEMS FOR ONE MEETING WHICH WOULD BE JUNE 8th, 2006.

SO MOVE.

MOTION MADE BY THE MAYOR PRO TEM, I WILL SECOND.  
THAT IS TO POSTPONE 46, 47, 48, 49, TO JUNE 8th, 2006. ANY  
DISCUSSION? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE  
SAY AYE.

AYE.

Wynn: OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 7-0. ALSO  
COUNCIL IN FRONT OF YOU, WE HAVE A FORMAL LETTER  
FROM THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PROPERTY OWNER RELATED  
TO ITEM NO. 53, WHICH WAS POSTED FOR POTENTIAL  
WAIVER OF OUR INTERIM DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS,  
THEY HAVE FORMALLY WITHDRAWN THIS WAIVER REQUEST,  
SO WITHOUT OBJECTION, MS. GENTRY, WE WILL HAVE ITEM  
NO. 53 REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA. THAT TAKES US TO  
ITEM NO. 37 THAT WE CAN TAKE UP BRIEFLY BEFORE  
ZONING. PERHAPS A BRIEF STAFF PRESENTATION OF  
WHERE WE LEFT THIS AT OUR LAST AND FIRST MEETING.

LATE AT OUR LAST MEETING. COUNCIL, TODAY WE ARE AT  
SECOND READING OF THIS ITEM WHICH IS BASICALLY THE  
TRANSFER OF PERMITS FROM ROY'S TAXI TO YELLOW CAB.  
THE FIRST READING WAS ON APRIL THE 27th. CHARTER  
REQUIRES THREE READINGS. THE THIRD READING WOULD  
HAPPEN AS EARLY -- COULD HAPPEN AS EARLY AS JUNE THE  
8th BECAUSE OF THE 30 DAY REQUIREMENT BETWEEN THE  
FIRST READING AND THE THIRD READING. THE ONLY ACTION  
THAT'S REQUIRED TO BE DONE BY COUNCIL TODAY IS  
EITHER TO APPROVE OR TO DISAPPROVE THIS ORDINANCE  
ON SECOND READING. IF YOU APPROVE IT TODAY ON  
SECOND READING, IT'S APPROVED IN THE ORDINANCE FOR  
THINGS THAT YOU WISH TO BE NEGOTIATED WITH THE  
OLYMPIC, THE TAXICAB PERMITS TODAY WERE GRANTED BY  
ORDINANCE TO ROY'S TAXI IN 2005. ROY'S TAXI CONTINUES  
TO HOLD THESE PERMITS AND THE ONLY REQUEST IS TO  
TRANSFER THEM. THEY HAVE NOT COME BACK TO THE CITY,  
BUT THE COUNCIL HAS TO APPROVE ANY TRANSFER. SO THE  
ORDINANCE BEFORE YOU TODAY DOES SEVERAL THINGS  
AND I WILL GO OVER THOSE WITH YOU. NUMBER ONE IS  
REPEALS THE ORDINANCE GRASHTSED TO ROY'S TAXI, ALSO  
AMENDS IT IN SEVERAL WAYS. IT TRANSFERS ALL OF THE

ROY'S TAXI PERMITS TO YELLOW CAB. EXCEPT FOR FOUR. THAT YELLOW CAB HAS AGREED THAT THEY WILL -- THAT THEY WILL BASICALLY NOT TAKE AND THOSE WOULD COME BACK TO THE CITY. THIS WOULD GIVE YELLOW CAB 455 TAXI PERMITS. IT ALSO ALLOWS YELLOW CAB TO USE THE ROY'S TAXI NAME, VEHICLE NUMBERS AND COLOR SCHEME FOR A PERIOD OF 90 DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE ORDINANCE. WHICH WOULD ALLOW THEM TIME TO REPAINT THE VEHICLES AND DO THE THINGS THAT ARE NECESSARY FOR THE TRANSFER. IT PROVIDES THAT YELLOW CAB WILL REPAINTS THE ROY'S TAXI DRIVER OWNED TAXICABS THAT ARE TRANSFERRED TO YELLOW CAB AT NO COST TO THE DRIVER OWNER. IT PROVIDES THAT YELLOW CAB WILL NOT CHARGE A FEE IN LIEU OF ADVERTISING TO ROY'S TAXI DRIVER OWNERS THAT TRANSFER TO YELLOW CAB AND THAT HAVE BIKE RACKS ON THE BACK OF THEIR CABS. IT PROVIDES THAT YELLOW CAB WOULD BE INELIGIBLE FOR ANY ALLOCATION OF ADDITIONAL PERMITS UNDER OUR CITY CODE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE FRANCHISE PERIOD, WHICH IS UNTIL 2010. THE NEW THING THAT HAS BEEN ADDED IS THAT IT PROVIDES THAT YELLOW CAB WOULD BE INELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE ANY TRANSFER OF PERMITS FROM ANOTHER FRANCHISE HOLDER NERCHLTDZ THEY COULDN'T COME BACK WITH ANOTHER REQUEST TO -- TO RECEIVE PERMITS FROM AUSTIN CAB FOREA NEW FRANCHISE OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT DURING THE REMAINDER OF THEIR CURRENT FRANCHISE. AT THE APRIL 27th WE HEARD THAT YOU HAD SEVERAL CONCERNS, ONE WAS THAT -- THAT YELLOW CAB WOULD HAVE THE SIGNIFICANT MAJORITY OF THE TAXICAB FRANCHISE PERMITS AND SO THERE ARE SEVERAL WAYS TO DEAL WITH THAT. ONE IS WHAT WE HAVE ALREADY NEGOTIATED WITH YELLOW CAB TO -- TO HAVE THEM NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR ADDITIONAL PERMITS UNDER THE CODE AND TO NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE ANY FURTHER TRANSFERS DURING THIS PERIOD OF THE FRANCHISE. AND ANOTHER THING THAT COULD BE DONE IS TO WORK TO AMEND THE CITY CODE TO -- TO PUT SOME LIMITATIONS WITHIN THE CITY CODE ABOUT THESE KINDS OF TRANSFERS SO THAT THERE WOULD BE SOME GUIDANCE IN THE FUTURE ABOUT WHETHER SOMEONE COULD DO THIS OR NOT. AND ANOTHER CONCERN THAT YOU HAD WAS THAT AUSTIN WOULD ONLY V TWO FRANCHISES AFTER THE

PASSAGE OF THIS ORDINANCE. PUBLIC WORKS CURRENTLY HAS THREE APPLICATIONS THAT THEY ARE REVIEW AND THAT THEY ARE OBTAINING MORE INFORMATION FROM. ASSUMING THAT THEY GET ALL OF THE INFORMATION THAT THEY NEED AND IF WE CAN GO FORWARD, THEY ARE ANTICIPATING GOING TO THE URBAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION IN JULY WITH THOSE APPLICATIONS. THE OTHER ONE WAS THAT AUSTIN CAB, THERE WAS A DESIRE FOR THEM TO HAVE 20 MORE PERMITS AND IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT -- THAT THAT WILL BE BROUGHT BACK TO YOU AT THE SAME TIME THAT THERE'S AN -- AN APPLICATION FOR YOU TO CONSIDER FOR A NEW FRANCHISE.

Mayor Wynn: QUESTIONS, COMMENTS? THERE'S THREE APPLICATIONS PENDING. AND THE CONCEPT -- BROAD CONCEPT APPARENTLY IS THAT AUSTIN CAB WOULD -- WOULD HAVE THEIR CURRENT FRANCHISE AMENDED SO AS TO HAVE 20 MORE PERMITS, WHICH I GUESS IN THEORY IS TRYING TO KEEP THE LARGER YELLOW FLEET NOW FROM HAVING A -- HAVING A -- YOU KNOW, TOO LARGE OF A PERCENTAGE. WHERE WILL THE PERMITS COME FROM FOR THE POTENTIAL NEW FRANCHISES. ARE THERE ANY -- IS THERE ANY CAPACITY IN THE CURRENT MODEL.

THERE IS SOME CAPACITY AT PRESENT UNDER THE CODE, THERE'S A FORMULA THAT IS DONE IN EACH YEAR TO FIND OUT IF THERE ARE ANY ADDITIONAL PERMITS. IF THIS TIME THE FORMULA INDICATES THAT THERE ARE 11 ADDITIONAL PERMITS TO BE ALLOCATED. THE CODE ALSO PROVIDES THAT -- THAT -- THAT THE PERCENTAGE OF THOSE ARE FOR A NEW FRANCHISE. SO THREE OF THOSE 11 WOULD BE FOR A NEW FRANCHISE, THEN THERE'S 8 THAT WOULD BE DIVIDED UP AMONG THE EXISTING FRANCHISES WHICH WOULD ONLY GO TO AUSTIN CAB AFTER THIS ORDINANCE SINCE YELLOW WOULD NO LONGER BE JEEL FOR THOSE, IT WOULD SIMPLY GO TO AUSTIN CAB. THAT PROVIDES THREE FOR A NEW FRANCHISE AND EIGHT TO GO TO AUSTIN CAB AND THEN THERE'S THE FOUR THAT -- THAT YELLOW IS NOT TAKING FROM ROY'S, SO THE FOUR COULD GO TO A NEW FRANCHISE OR TO AUSTIN CAB, DEPENDING ON -- ON HOW YOU WANTED TO ALLOCATE THAT. AND THEN THE DISCUSSION WAS TO -- TO IN ESSENCE BORROW FROM THE FUTURE FOR SOME ADDITIONAL PERMITS SO THAT WE

COULD GO AHEAD AND IMPLEMENT A NEW FRANCHISE NOW AS OPPOSED TO LATER.

Mayor Wynn: ALL RIGHT. COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLY. >>>.>>

Dunkerly: THERE WAS ONE OTHER ASPECT FOR THAT, TOO, FOR THE FOUR YEARS, YOU GO AHEAD AND BORROW FROM THE FUTURE AND END UP WITH 60, BORROWED 60, THE FIRST FOUR YEARS ALL OF THE NEW PERMITS WOULD BE SPLIT BETWEEN THE NEW CAB COMPANY AND AUSTIN CAB TO ALLOW THE NEW CAB COMPANY TO GO TOWARD A 75 PERMIT LIMIT, WHICH THEY THINK THEY NEED. AFTER THAT FIRST FOUR YEARS, THEN THE NEW PERMITS THAT WOULD BE ELIGIBLE WOULD GO TOWARDS PAYING BACK THE 60 PERMS THAT WERE -- PERMITS THAT WOULD BORROWED FROM THE FUTURE. I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG THAT WOULD TAKE TO PAY THAT BACK IF THAT WAS SPORT OF THE PLAN THAT WE -- SORT OF THE PLAN THAT WE TALKED ABOUT.

THERE'S NO WAY TO GUESS HOW LONG --

Dunkerly: THE IDEA WAS TO GO AHEAD AND BORROW FROM THE FUTURE, BUT IN THE FUTURE TO KIND OF RESTRICT THE NEW PERMIT TO SAY ALLOW THE WHOLE SYSTEM TO SORT OF CATCH UP WITH THAT.

CERTAINLY IF WE WERE TO -- TO CHANGE THE CODE TO -- TO TRY TO SPUT PUT SOME LIMITATIONS ON THESE KIND OF TRANSFERS IN THE FUTURE, RIGHT NOW 25% OF THOSE GO TO THE NEW FRANCHISE, THAT -- THAT PERCENTAGE COULD BE CHANGED, WE COULD -- THERE ARE DIFFERENT THINGS THAT WE CAN DO DEPENDING ON WHAT DIRECTION YOU WOULD LIKE US TO GO IN TERMS OF TRYING TO -- TO CREATE A BETTER SITUATION, PROVIDE MORE GUIDANCE FOR HOW THESE THINGS HAPPEN IN THE FUTURE. THAT KIND OF THING.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER COMMENTS? MAYOR PRO TEM?

Thomas: SO EXCUSE ME. YOU SAID BY JULY YOU WOULD KNOW ABOUT THE -- ABOUT THE NEW FRANCHISE, THE APPLICATIONS? AND IF I REMEMBER, THE LAST MEETING YOU SAID HOW YOU WERE GOING TO SELECT THAT WOULD

BE -- WOULD BE A -- A LOTTERY? >>

RIGHT. THE CODE PROVIDE IFS THERE'S MORE THAN ONE -- PROVIDE IFS THERE'S MORE THAN ONE QUALIFIED APPLICANT THEN IT WOULD BE SELECTED BY LOTTERY FOR WHO TO COME FORWARD FOR YOU TO CONSIDER FOR THE NEW FRANCHISE.

Thomas: ALL RIGHT. I THINK THAT I HAVE EXPRESSED, I'M CONCERNED WHOEVER THAT NEW FRANCHISE MIGHT BE, WOULD THEY HAVE ENOUGH PERMITS TO EVEN GET OFF THE GROUND TO BE SUCCESSFUL? THAT'S SOMETHING THAT HOPEFULLY WE CAN DISCOVER BEFORE THE 8th, MY LAST MEETING. BUT THAT IS A CONCERN. NOT THAT I HAVE ANYTHING AGAINST AUSTIN CAB GETTING THE 20 PERMITS. I'M SURE THEY DESERVE THEM. BUT WE HAVE TO LOOK AT IF THE FRANCHISE COME IN, WILL THEY HAVE ENOUGH PERMITS TO REALLY BE PRODUCTIVE IN -- IN STARTING THEIR BUSINESS. THAT'S MY CONCERN.

UH-HUH.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER COMMENTS, QUESTIONS? I WILL SAY I SHARE MAYOR PRO TEM'S CONCERN. THIS IS A COMPLICATED ISSUE. I'M NOT TRYING TO BE OVERLY SIMPLISTIC ABOUT IT. A DRIVING CONCERN THAT I HAVE IS JUST THE RAW NUMBER OF PERMITS OUT ON THE STREETS. WE HAVE HEARD SO MUCH TESTIMONY FROM -- FROM -- FROM OWNER DRIVERS, FROM LEASE DRIVERS, FROM DRIVERS FROM -- FROM ALL THREE EXISTING PERMIT HOLDERS, MUCH JUST THE CHALLENGE THAT THEY HAVE, YOU KNOW, ECONOMICALLY OUT IN THE FIELD. AND SO -- SO I GUESS MY FIRST HURDLE THAT I AM TRYING TO GET OVER IS JUST THE -- THE CHALLENGE, ECONOMICALLY, THAT THE DRIVERS WILL FACE BY -- BY HAVING TOO MANY PERMITS ADDED TO THE -- TO THE -- YOU KNOW TO THE MARKET. PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF THE FACT THAT WE HAVE SOME - - SOME NEW APPLICATIONS PENDING AND JUST -- JUST SEEMS INTUITIVE TO ME, I JOIN THE MAYOR PRO TEM'S THOUGHT, THAT A NEW FRANCHISE WOULD BE SOME MODEST AMOUNT OF -- OF, YOU KNOW, SOME ECONOMIES OF SCALE, SOME MODEST AMOUNT OF PERMITS TO HAVE A - - SORT OF AN APPROPRIATE PRESENCE SEEMING NOT IN

THE MARKET. I'M SORT OF RELUCTANTLY VOTED FOR THIS ON FIRST READING. I'M -- AT LEAST AS HESITANT AS I WAS THEN TODAY. NOW I'M -- BUT MORE SO IN THAT I SORT OF HATE VOTING FOR SOMETHING ON TWO READINGS, THEN FINALLY DECLARING THAT THE TWO OR THREE PARAMETERS THAT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE MET I JUST THINK WON'T HAVE A CHANCE TO BE MET BY A PLAN LIKE THIS. I -- SEEMS TO ME WITH THESE NEW FRANCHISE APPLICATIONS PENDING, TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY ARE QUALIFIED, I WILL ASK HERE IN A FEW MINUTES, HOW IS IT THAT WE FRANKLY CAN EVEN JUDGE -- JUDGE THE QUALIFICATIONS OF A POTENTIAL FRANCHISE THAT IS POTENTIAL NEW BUSINESS, I GUESS PERHAPS WE DO SOME BACKGROUND CHECKS OF INDIVIDUALS MAYBE, BUT WITH -- WITH NO -- NO, YOU KNOW, ACTUALLY OPERATIONS IN THE FIELD IT MIGHT BE HARD TO DO THAT. BUT THIS SEEMS TO ME THAT -- THAT, YOU KNOW, THERE'S STILL THE MARKET I GUESS IF YOU WILL FOR THE VALUE OF THOSE EXISTING ROY PERMITS TO BE TRANSFERRED TO ANYBODY, YELLOW OR ANYBODY ELSE. IF THAT'S THE CASE, IN THEORY THESE PENDING POTENTIAL FRANCHISEES, YOU KNOW, COULD FIGURE OUT THAT VALUE OF THE EXISTING ROY'S PERMITS, PRESUMABLY JUST LIKE YELLOW IS DOING. FOR THAT PRIVATE BUSINESS TRANSACTION TO EVEN BE PROPOSED SO THAT THERE'S A DIFFERENT SCENARIO WHEREBY WE IN FACT GROW THE NUMBER OF FRANCHISES, AT LEAST -- AT LEAST MAINTAIN, YOU KNOW, THREE COMPETITORS, PERHAPS EVEN GROW THAT NUMBER, WHILE NOT HAVING TO -- SOMEWHAT ARBITRARILY GROW THE NUMBER OF PERMITS OUT IN THE FIELD. AND SO -- SO I -- I HAVEN'T BEEN INVOLVED IN THE -- IN ANY OF THE DETAILED DISCUSSIONS REGARDING THE POTENTIAL SALE OR TRANSFER BETWEEN ROY'S AND YELLOWS, BUT I DON'T KNOW THE TIMING OF THAT. BUT I JUST -- I WILL JUST ANNOUNCE NOW I'M GOING TO BE VERY RELUCTANT TO MOVE FORWARD ON A PLAN LIKE THIS, PARTICULARLY KNOWING THERE'S A COUPLE OF PENDING APPLICATIONS THAT COULD BE SATISFIED SOMETIME LATER THIS SUMMER. BUT THOSE ARE MY THOUGHTS. FURTHER COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS? REMINDS ME AGAIN, THERE'S THE TIMING ISSUE BASED ON -- ON LAW ABOUT THE TIMING OF THE SEQUENCE OF THESE READINGS. THAT JUNE 8th --

RIGHT. THERE HAS TO BE 30 DAYS BETWEEN THE FIRST READING AND THE THIRD READING. THE FIRST READING WAS APRIL 27th. SO WE ARE TWO DAYS SHY OF 30 DAYS SO -- SO WE COULD HAVE THE THIRD READING AT THE NEXT MEETING OR IT COULD BE AFTER THAT. IT'S NOT --

SO THERE IS A MINIMUM, THAT IS -- I GUESS IS THERE A MAXIMUM? CAN WE -- IS THERE SOME WALL THAT PRECLUDES US FROM OTHER THAN UNDERSTANDING THE FREE MARKET ISSUE OF -- OF BUSINESS TRANSACTION BETWEEN ROY'S AND YELLOW'S, BUT IS THERE A -- IS THERE A CONTROLLING LAW THAT -- THAT PERHAPS WOULD KEEP US FROM DRAGGING THIS OUT FURTHER?

WELL, I THINK THERE'S -- THERE'S NO MAXIMUM WRITTEN IN THE CHARTER OR ANYTHING, I THINK THERE'S CERTAINLY A REASONABLENESS WHERE YOU WOULDN'T WANT TO DRAG IT OUT FOREVER. I THINK THAT WOULD BE UNREASONABLE. BUT -- BUT I DON'T THINK THAT YOU HAVE TO NECESSARILY HAVE IT AT THE NEXT MEETING BUT WITHIN REASON I THINK THAT'S YOUR LIMITATION.

SO THERE'S A MINIMUM BUT NO MAXIMUM TECHNICALLY.

IN THE CHARTER THERE'S NO MAXIMUM.

FURTHER QUESTIONS, COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLY.

Dunkerly: I WAS GOING TO SEE IF WHEN YOU ARE READY FOR A SECOND. OR A MOTION FOR A SECOND READING I WILL BE GLAD TO DO THAT.

Mayor Wynn: IF THERE'S NO FURTHER GUESS OR COMMENTS, I WOULD ENTERTAIN A MOTION ON ITEM 37. POSTED FOR SECOND READING ONLY HOWEVER.

SECOND READING ONLY YES.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLY.

Dunkerly: I REALLY HAVE TWO MOTIONS TO MAKE. BUT THE FIRST ONE WOULD BE A MOTION TO APPROVE ON SECOND READING REPEALING THE ORDINANCE THAT GRANTS THE

FRANCHISE TO ROY'S TAXI AND AMENDING THE ORDINANCE GRANTING THE FRANCHISE TO THE GREATER AUSTIN TRANSPORTATION COMPANY OR YELLOW CAB. AND ALLOWING THE TEMPORARY USE BY YELLOW CAB OF ROY'S TAXI'S NAME, VEHICLE NUMBERING AND COLOR SCHEME. THAT'S -- THAT'S MY MOTION.

Mayor Wynn: MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLY TO -- TO APPROVE THIS TRANSFER ON SECOND READING ONLY. AS OUTLINED BY HER. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN. FURTHER COMMENTS? ACTUALLY [ONE MOMENT PLEASE FOR CHANGE IN CAPTIONERS]

NO. WELL, THERE WAS DIRECTION --

Alvarez: I THOUGHT THAT HAD BEEN EXPRESSED BY CERTAIN COUNCILMEMBERS BECAUSE THAT WAS INCLUDED OR APPARENTLY INCLUDED.

THERE WAS DIRECTION TO STAFF ABOUT THE 20 PERMITS FOR AUSTIN CAB, AND ABOUT LOOKING INTO THE NEW FRANCHISE AND THAT KIND OF THING.

Alvarez: THAT WAS MY UNDERSTANDING WHEN WE VOTED LAST TIME, AND I UNDERSTAND THAT THE ORDINANCE ITSELF DEALING WITH THE TRANSFER OF THESE PERMITS IS ONE THING, BUT I THOUGHT IT WAS ABOUT THE ADDITIONAL PERMITS, SO I THOUGHT THAT WAS PART OF AS WELL.

NO. IT WAS SIMPLY APPROVING OF THIS ORDINANCE AND THEN LIKE I SAID, THERE WAS DIRECTION TO STAFF TO LOOK INTO THESE OTHER THINGS AND TO EVENTUALLY COME BACK TO YOU WITH THOSE ITEMS.

Mayor Wynn: SO COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLEY, DO YOU CONSIDER YOUR MOTION ON SECOND READING TO CONTINUE WITH THIS ON FIRST READING?

YES, THE DIRECTION TO STAFF.

Mayor Wynn: MAYOR PRO TEM?

Thomas: I THINK, COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ ANSWERED MY QUESTION. I STILL WON'T BE ABLE TO SUPPORT IT UNTIL WE FINALIZE HOW WE'RE GOING TO DEAL WITH THE NEW FRANCHISE. I KNOW THAT MIGHT NOT GET ON THE EIGHTH, BUT I CAN'T SUPPORT THE MOTION STILL UNTIL WE KIND OF GET THAT SITUATION FINALIZED FOR THE NEW FRANCHISE. I THINK THEY NEED MORE PERMITS TO BE FUNCTIONAL.

Mayor Wynn: AND I SHARE MAYOR PRO TEM'S COMMENTS. FURTHER THOUGHTS, COMMENTS? WE HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND ON THE TABLE TO APPROVE ON SECOND READING THIS ACTION AS WELL AS THE CONTINUED DIRECTION FOR STAFF. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

AYE.

Mayor Wynn: OPPOSED?

NO.

Mayor Wynn: MOTION PASS OZ A VOTE OF FIVE TO TWO ON SECOND READING ONLY WITH THE MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO TEM VOTE NO. THANK YOU.

Dunkerley: TO MAKE IT CLEAR THIS TIME, I HAVE A SECOND MOTION. THE ATTORNEY'S WALKING BACK. I'M HOPING I'M SUPPOSED TO SAY THIS. HE MAY HAVE ALREADY INCLUDED IT. BUT I THINK I'D LIKE TO MOVE THAT THE COUNCIL DIRECT THE STAFF IN RESPONSE TO THE MAYOR AND MANY OF THE COUNCILMEMBERS' CONCERN ABOUT THE NUMBER OF PERMITS TO ONE COMPANY. I'D LIKE TO DIRECT THE STAFF TO BRING BACK TO COUNCIL AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY CODE WHICH WOULD LIMIT THE TRANSFER OF TAXI CAB FRANCHISE PERMITS IN THE FUTURE TO COMPANIES THAT THEY CAN'T BE TRANSFERRED TO COMPANIES THAT HAVE AT LEAST 60 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERMITS IN THE SYSTEM. DO I HAVE TO HAVE A SECOND?

Mayor Wynn: I THINK WITHOUT OBJECTION, WE'LL ALL ACKNOWLEDGE COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLEY'S DIRECTION TO STAFF.

Dunkerley: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU ALL. COUNCIL, I BELIEVE THAT TAKES US TO OUR ZONING HEARINGS AND APPROVAL OF COULD HAVE IN NANTS AND ORDINANCES. WELCOME MR. GREG GUERNSEY.

THANK YOU, MAYOR AND COUNCIL. LET ME GO ON TO THE FOUR P.M. ZONING HEARINGS AND APPROVAL OF ORDINANCES WHERE THE HEARINGS HAVE BEEN CLOSED. WE ONLY HAVE ONE ITEM UNDER THIS CATEGORY. ITEM NUMBER 68. AND THAT'S CASE C-14-05-150. THIS IS FAIRFIELD AT WOODLAND PARK. THIS IS A REZONING REQUEST AT 3226 WEST SLAUGHTER LANE FROM MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENCE MODERATE HIGH CONDITIONAL OVERLAY COMBINING DISTRICT ZONING OR MF-4-CO ZONING TO MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENCE MODERATE HIGH, HIGH DENSITY, CONDITIONAL OVERLAY, COMBINING DISTRICT ZONING OR MF-4-CO ZONING FOR SECOND READING ONLY. THE PROPERTY OWNER WOULD LIKE TO MODIFY THE CONDITIONS THAT WERE ESTABLISHED AT FIRST READING TO DELETE A REQUIREMENT TO BE LIMITED TO ONLY 10 SURFACE PARKING SPACES AND LIMIT THE GREEN BUILDING REQUIREMENT TO ONLY A BUILDING THAT WOULD EXCEED A HEIGHT OF 45 FEET. WE HAVE A DRAFT OF A COVENANT THAT I WAS HANDED THAT WE COULD SIMPLY JUST ACKNOWLEDGE FOR THE RECORD THAT THE DENSITY LIMITATIONS AND THE IMPERVIOUS COVER LIMITATIONS ESTABLISHED AT FIRST READING WOULD REMAIN THE SAME. AND THEN THIS IS PREPT TOWED. THE APPLICANT'S AGENDA AGENT IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS. THIS WOULD BE FOR SECOND READING ONLY, MAYOR.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. QUESTIONS OF STAFF, COUNCIL? AND/OR THE AGENT.

I BELIEVE THERE'S ALSO PROBABLY NEIGHBORHOOD REPRESENTATIVES THAT ARE HERE THAT WERE OPPOSED TO THE PROJECT ORIGINALLY, BUT AS I SAID BEFORE, MAYOR, THE PUBLIC HEARING IS CLOSED.

Mayor Wynn: CORRECT. SO COUNCIL, WE HAVE SOME REQUESTED CHANGES OF CONDITIONS BETWEEN FIRST AND

SECOND READING. STAFF IS READY FOR SECOND READING ONLY. AND AGAIN, WE HAVE AT LEAST ONE NEIGHBOR WHO WERE ORIGINALLY IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROJECT AND THE APPLICANT OR AGENT HERE FOR QUESTIONS.

Alvarez: WHAT IS THE CHANGE AGAIN, MR. GAR GUERNSEY?

AT FIRST READING THE PROPERTY WAS GRANTED A GREATER HEIGHT THAN 45 FEET. AND WITH THAT THEY WERE ALSO LIMITED TO A SURFACE PARKING LOT OF ONLY 10 SURFACE SPACES. THE OTHER SPACES WOULD BE CONTAINED STRUCTURALLY, MOST LIKELY BELOW THE BUILDING. AND THE ADDITIONAL CONDITION WAS THAT THEY AGREED TO MEET THE TWO-STAR GREEN BUILDING PROGRAM FOR THAT BUILDING. WITH THIS CHANGE THEY WOULD DELETE THE LIMITATION OF ONLY 10 SURFACE PARKING SPACES, MEANING THEY COULD HAVE MORE THAN 10 SURFACE PARKING SPACES AND THAT IF THEY DID ACTUALLY BUILD A BUILDING THAT EXCEEDED 45 FEET IN HEIGHT THEY WOULD STILL FOLLOW THE GREEN BUILDER PROGRAM, THE TWO-STAR GREEN BUILDER PROGRAM, BUT IF THERE WERE OTHER BUILDINGS THEY WOULD NOT NECESSARILY HAVE THAT LIMITATION. THE OTHER LIMITATIONS THAT WERE PLACED ON THE PROPERTY DEALING WITH IMPERVIOUS COVER, AND THIS PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO THE S.O.S. ORDINANCE. THAT DOES NOT CHANGE, WOULD REMAIN IN PLACE AND THE REDUCTION IN THE DENSITY TO THE OVERALL PROPERTY, LIMIT THE PROPERTY TO ONLY 182 UNITS, WOULD STILL APPLY TO THE ENTIRE PROPERTY.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL.

Leffingwell: THE LAST TIME WE DISCUSSED A CHANGE IN THE SETBACK, THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT INCLUDED THE SETBACK, I BELIEVE, OF 300 FEET FROM THE ADJACENT NEIGHBORHOOD.

THAT PROVISION STILL REMAINS IN PLACE AS WELL AS SEVERAL OTHERS FROM THE ORIGINAL CASE. THEY'RE STILL DOING INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT CONTROLS AND THERE ARE OTHER CONTROLS THAT GO BEYOND THE AREA

OF BEING REZONED, AND THOSE WOULD NOT CHANGE. >>

Leffingwell: AND THE NEW SETBACK IS REQUIRED BY RESTRICTIVE COVENANT TO BE APPROXIMATELY 700 FEET INSTEAD OF 300, IS THAT RIGHT? 670, SOMETHING LIKE THAT?

WELL, RIGHT NOW, BECAUSE THEY REDUCED THE ENVELOPE OF THE AREA BEING REZONED FROM 30 ACRES TO APPROXIMATELY 7-POINT SOMETHING ACRES, THE BUILDING COULD NOT GO ANY CLOSER TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD THAN THAT POINT. THERE WAS A 300-FOOT SET BACK. I DON'T THINK BECAUSE THEY WERE LIMITING THE CONSTRUCTION AT THAT TIME TO ONLY THAT 7.5, I DON'T BELIEVE THE 700-FOOT SET BACK WAS ACTUALLY PROVIDED, ALTHOUGH WE COULD CERTAINLY ASK THE APPLICANT'S AGENT IF THEY WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO THAT CONDITION NOW AND WE COULD INCORPORATE THAT INTO THIRD READING IF YOU SO DESIRE.

Leffingwell: I GUESS THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING. I THOUGHT THE WHOLE BASIS FOR THE ADDITIONAL HEIGHT WAS THE FACT THAT THE SETBACK WAS MORE THAN DOUBLED FROM THE ADJACENT NEIGHBORHOOD, AND GIVEN THE TOPOGRAPHY, LINE OF SIGHT FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD, THE ADDITIONAL 15 FEET OF HEIGHT WOULD BE UNOBJECTOBTRUSIVE AS COMPARED WITH THE ORIGINAL SET BACK AT 45 FEET.

WELL, THE AGENT FOR THIS CASE, IF WE'RE SPEAKING OF THE 45-FOOT, THAT WOULD REMAIN THAT 700 FEET BACK BECAUSE OF THE AREA. BUT IF WE'RE SPEAKING ABOUT BUILDINGS THAT ARE LESS THAN 45 FEET, THAT PROVISION WOULD NOT APPLY AND THERE WOULD ONLY BE A 300-FOOT SET BACK.

Leffingwell: I UNDERSTAND.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER QUESTIONS OF STAFF? COMMENTS? WE HAVE SOME NEIGHBORS AND THE APPLICANT'S AGENTS HERE. COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ.

Alvarez: I DON'T KNOW IF WE CAN LIMIT THE INPUT, BUT IF WE DO HEAR FROM THE NEIGHBORS WHO ARE HERE ABOUT THE

PROPOSED CHANGE SINCE FIRST READING BECAUSE I THINK WE'VE HEARD THE NEIGHBORHOOD'S OPPOSITION GENERALLY ABOUT HIS PROPOSAL, BUT IT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE THE CHANGES ARE VERY SUBSTANTIVE, BUT IT MIGHT BE WORTH AT LEAST HEARING FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD THEIR PERSPECTIVE ON THE CHANGE BETWEEN FIRST AND SECOND READING.

NOW THEY'RE TRYING TO MODIFY THE CASE SO THAT THEY STILL GET 60 FEET OF HEIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PROPERTY, BUT THEN THEY CAN GO UP TO 45 FEET ON THE REST OF THE PROPERTY, EXCLUDING WHAT'S COVERED BY RESTRICTIVE COVENANT WITH THE LOCAL NEIGHBORHOOD. SO WE'RE STILL AGREEABLE TO 45 FEET FOR ZONING, IT'S COMPATIBLE WITH THE COMMUNITY. ALL FOUR NEIGHBORHOODS WOULD SUPPORT THAT, BUT IF YOU GRANT THEM 60 FEET INSIDE THE ENVELOPE AND THEN 45 FEET UP TO THE PROPERTY LINES ON EITHER SIDE IN THE FRONT BASICALLY WITHIN CITY CODE, THEN THEY'RE NOT NECESSARILY LIVING UP TO WHAT THEY WERE PROPOSING TO YOU AND WHAT LOOKED REALLY GOOD IN THE FIRST PLACE. I BELIEVE THEY'RE NOT GOING TO BE LIMITING THE BUILDING TO ONE BUILDING, THEY'RE NOT GOING TO BE LIMITING IT TO GARAGE PARKING, SO ALL THE THINGS THAT HELD AN ALURE FOR YOU AS A DEVELOPMENT PROJECT HAVE BEEN STRIPPED AWAY WITH THIS REVISED SECOND READING. SO WE BELIEVE THAT MAKES OUR CASE EVEN STRONGER. AND I WOULD NOTE THE VALID PETITION ONCE AGAIN THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INTENDED USE HASN'T REALLY CHANGED WITH RESPECT TO THE HEIGHT. THEY STILL WANT TO BE ABLE TO DO A HEIGHT OF 60 FEET, AND THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AT 32.95 PERCENT CERTIFIED BY THE CITY AT THAT TIME VOTED TO PREVENT THIS FROM HAPPENING. SO WE'D REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR CONSIDERATION ON THAT. I'D ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. LARKIN. QUESTIONS?  
COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL.

Leffingwell: YEAH, ACTUALLY, YOU BRING UP A VERY GOOD POINT THAT I HAD NOT REALLY CONSIDERED. THAT UNDER THIS SCENARIO THERE COULD BE A MIX OF 60-FOOT BUILDINGS AND 45-FOOT BUILDINGS AND THEREFORE THE

SETBACK WOULD NOT APPLY AND THE RATIONALE THAT WE WERE USING IS SORT OF INVALID AT THAT POINT. COULD I ASK A QUESTION OF THE APPLICANT AT THIS POINT?

Mayor Wynn: WELCOME BACK, MR. WAYLAN.

Leffingwell: THE CONDITION FOR THE INCREASED HEIGHT EXCEEDING 45 IN A 60, I WOULD -- -- I WOULD FLESH OUT THAT CONDITION AS FOLLOWS: THAT IF ANY BUILDING EXCEEDS 45 FEET, IF ANY BUILDING EXCEEDS 45 FEET ON THE ENTIRE TRACT, THE 670-FOOT SET BACK WOULD APPLY.

I THINK THAT'S FAIR. I SEE WHAT YOU'RE SAYING. OR THAT IT WOULD FIT WITHIN THIS FOOTPRINT -- I'M SORRY, MICHAEL WHELLAN ON BEHALF OF THE APPLICANT.

Leffingwell: SO IF YOU ABIDE BY THE ORIGINAL 45-FOOT RESTRICTION THAT WAS IN YOUR ORIGINAL AGREEMENT, THEN YOU WOULD ONLY BE BOUND BY THE 300-FOOT SET BACK, WHICH IS BASICALLY NO CHANGE FROM THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT. BUT IF ANY BUILDING EXCEEDS 45 FEET, YOU WOULD BE BOUND BY THE BOUNDARIES SHOWN IN THE FIRST READING.

I THINK THAT'S FAIR.

Leffingwell: IS THAT CLEAR ENOUGH?

I THINK IT'S CLEAR ENOUGH FOR THIRD READING. THANKS.

Leffingwell: THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS? AND AGAIN, MR. GUERNSEY, YOU'RE READY FOR SECOND READING ONLY.

THAT'S CORRECT.

Mayor Wynn: HEARING NO FURTHER COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION ON ITEM NUMBER 68.

Leffingwell: MAYOR, I'LL MOVE APPROVAL ON SECOND READING ONLY WITH THE CONDITIONS SPECIFIED JUST

PREVIOUSLY.

Mayor Wynn: MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MCCrackEN TO APPROVE ON SECOND READING ONLY ITEM NUMBER 68 WITH THESE CHANGES TO THE CONDITIONS AS OUTLINED BY STAFF. FURTHER COMMENTS? COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ.

Alvarez: I DIDN'T SUPPORT THIS ON FIRST READING, SO SHOW ME VOTING NO ON THIS AS WELL.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER KIM.

Kim: [INAUDIBLE - NO MIC].

Mayor Wynn: MAYOR PRO TEM.

Thomas: I WASN'T HERE FOR THAT, SO I WILL HAVE TO GET A LITTLE MORE INFORMATION. I DON'T KNOW IF IT WILL MAKE IT BACK FOR THE 8TH, BUT NO RIGHT NOW.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER COMMENTS? WE HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND ON THE TABLE TO APPROVE ON SECOND READING ONLY. HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

AYE.

Mayor Wynn: OPPOSED?

NO.

Mayor Wynn: MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF FOUR TO THREE WITH MAYOR PRO TEM AND COUNCILMEMBERS ALVAREZ AND KIM VOTING NO. THANK YOU, MR. GUERNSEY.

THANK YOU, MAYOR. LET ME GO ON TO OUR PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS. ITEM NUMBER 69 YOU HAD MENTIONED EARLIER THERE WAS A RELATED CASE TO THIS, ITEM 53, BUT THE ZONING CASE AT 505 DEEP EDDY HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN. NO ACTION IS FURTHER REQUIRED ON THIS CASE SINCE IT WAS NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE

COMMISSION AND IS ON YOUR AGENDA THAT THIS ZONING OR MORE INTENSE ACTIVE ZONING MAY NOT BE FILED ON THIS PROPERTY FOR 18 MONTHS. ITEM NUMBER 70, CASE C-14-06-0030 FOR A PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1101 KRAMER LANE. I UNDERSTAND WE HAVE ONE PERSON SIGNED UP OPPOSED TO THIS, SO WE'LL LEAVE THAT AS A DISCUSSION ITEM AND I'LL CONTINUE WITH THE OTHER ITEMS. ITEM 71, CASE C-14-06-0059, EUERS OFFICE, LOCATED AT 135 WEST SLAUGHTER LANE. IT'S A REZONING REQUEST FROM RURAL RESIDENCE, WHICH IS RR DISTRICT ZONING, AND SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE STANDARD LOT OR SF-2 ZONING TO COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT ZONING. THE APPLICANT HAS MADE A REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT OF THIS CASE TO JUNE 22nd, AND THAT'S THEIR FIRST REQUEST. SO POSTPONEMENT BY THE APPLICANT TO JUNE 22nd. OUR NEXT ITEM IS ITEM 72. THIS IS CASE C-14-06-0063. RIDDELL TRACT TWO LOCATED AT 11100 BLOCK OF SOUTH FIRST STREET. THIS IS A REZONING REQUEST FROM COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL CONDITIONAL OVERLAY COMBINING DISTRICT ZONING TO COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL MIXED USE CONDITIONAL OVERLAY --

Mayor Wynn: I'M SORRY TO INTERRUPT. WE'RE INTRODUCED UP HERE ON THE DAIS. CAN WE BACK UP? ITEM 69 IS BEING WITHDRAWN.

THAT'S CORRECT, MAYOR.

Mayor Wynn: WHAT IS THE PROPOSAL FOR ITEM 70?

THE ITEM FOR NUMBER 70, IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING WE HAVE ONE INDIVIDUAL LAST TIME I CHECKED THAT WAS SIGNED UP IN OPPOSITION THAT WANTED TO SPEAK TO THE ITEM. AND 71 WAS POSTPONED TO JUNE 22nd. AND 72, THE RECOMMENDATION WAS TO GRANT THE COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL MIXED USE CONDITIONAL OVERLAY. AND THIS IS READY FOR CONSENT APPROVAL ON ALL THREE READINGS. ITEM NUMBER 73, CASE NPA-06-00067.010. THIS IS TO CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING ON AN AMENDMENT TO THE OLD WEST AUSTIN NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN. AND THIS ITEM IS REQUESTED FOR POSTPONEMENT FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON JUNE 8TH. IT'S A POSTPONEMENT REQUEST BY STAFF. AND ITEM 74, THIS IS CASE C-14-06-0025 AT 9414 PARKFIELD. AND I

UNDERSTAND, MAYOR, WE HAVE AT LEAST ONE INDIVIDUAL THAT HAS SIGNED UP IN OPPOSITION TO THIS CASE AS WELL. SO THAT WILL BE DISCUSSION.

Mayor Wynn: SO COUNCIL, THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR THESE CASES WHERE WE'RE CONDUCTING A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE -- FIRST WE'LL NOTE MS. GENTRY THAT ITEM NUMBER 69 HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN. ITEM NUMBER 71 WE WILL POSTPONE TO JUNE 22nd, 2006. ITEM NUMBER 72 WE'LL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE ON ALL THREE READINGS. AND ITEM NUMBER 73 WE WILL POSTPONE TO JUNE 8TH, 2006. I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION. MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ, SECONDED BY THE MAYOR PRO TEM TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS READ. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

AYE.

Mayor Wynn: OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF SEVEN TO ZERO.

THANK YOU. LET ME GO ON. LET ME JUST NOTE FOR THE RECORD AGAIN, I KNOW, MAYOR, YOU ALREADY SAID THIS, BUT IF THERE WAS ANYBODY HERE FOR 505 DEEP EDDY FOR THE WAIVER, THAT WAS ITEM NUMBER 53, THAT ITEM AS I UNDERSTAND HAS ALSO BEEN WITHDRAWN. IF ANYBODY IS HERE FOR THAT ITEM, THEY MAY BE HERE FOR THE ZONING CASE AS WELL. ITEM NUMBER 70 IS CASE C-14-06-0030 FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1101 KRAMER LANE. THIS IS A REZONING REQUEST FROM NEIGHBORHOOD OFFICE, NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN OR NO-NP TO GENERAL OFFICE MIXED USE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING COMBINING DISTRICT ZONING OR GO-MU-NP. THIS IS FOR A PROPERTY THE APPROXIMATELY .4308 ACRES OR ABOUT 18,070 SQUARE FEET. THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION FOR THIS PROPERTY WAS TO GRANT THE REZONING REQUEST WITH A LIMIT OF 200 200 TRIPS ON THE PROPERTY. THAT THEY BE ALLOWED N.O. OR NEIGHBORHOOD OFFICE DEVELOPMENT SITE STANDARDS AND N.O. USES WITH THE INCLUSION OF PERSONAL SERVICES. AND THIS WOULD BE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING A PROPOSED HAIR SALON AND THE MU TO ALLOW RESIDENCE USE ON THE PROPERTY.

THEY ALSO PROHIBITED BUSINESS AND TRADE SCHOOL, BUSINESS SUPPORT SERVICES, LODGE USES, COMMERCIAL SERVICES, CONVALESCENT SERVICES, GUIDANCE SERVICES, HOSPITAL SERVICES LIMITED IN GENERAL, MEDICAL OFFICES BOTH EXCEEDING AND NOT EXCEEDING 5,000 SQUARE FEET, OFF SITE ACCESSORY PARKING, PRINTING AND PUBLISHING, AND RESTAURANT LIMITED AS PROHIBITED USES. AND MADE THE FOLLOWING USES CONDITIONAL USES, AND THOSE WOULD INCLUDE COLLEGE UNIVERSITY FACILITIES, CON GRE GANTT LIVING, GROUP HOME CLASS 2 AND PRIVATE SECONDARY EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES. AS I MENTIONED BEFORE, THIS PROPERTY IS PROPOSED FOR A HAIR SALON USE. IT IS BOARDED RIGHT NOW BY NO-NP ZONING TO THE EAST AND WEST. FURTHER TO THE NORTH IS A SCHOOL PROPERTY THAT'S ZONED GR AND SOME WLO OR LIMITED WAREHOUSE -- OFFICE WAREHOUSE ZONING DISTRICT AND USES TO THE NORTH. TO THE SOUTH OF THE PROPERTY ARE EXISTING SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCES AND THEY'RE CURRENTLY ZONED SF-2-NP. AT THIS TIME I'LL PAUSE, MAYOR, AND HOPEFULLY THE APPLICANT CAN HERE IN THE AUDIENCE AND CAN SPEAK TO THEIR REQUEST. AND I SAID BEFORE I THINK THERE'S ONE INDIVIDUAL THAT SIGNED UP IN OPPOSITION.

Mayor Wynn: CORRECT. SO COUNCIL, WITHOUT OBJECTION, WE'LL NOW CONDUCT THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS CASE. WE'LL BEGIN WITH A FIVE-MINUTE PRESENTATION BY THE APPLICANT AND/OR AGENT. AND WE'LL HEAR FROM THOSE FOLKS IN FAVOR OF THE ZONING CASE AND THOSE FOLKS IN OPPOSITION. AND THE APPLICANT WILL HAVE A ONE-TIME THREE-MINUTE REBUTTAL. WELCOME, SIR.

MY NAME IS (INDISCERNIBLE). I'M AN IMMIGRANT. MY ENGLISH IS NOT VERY GOOD. I HOPE YOU CAN UNDERSTAND WHAT I TRY TO SAY. WHAT I TRIED TO BRING TO THE AREA IS A FAMILY BUSINESS, SOMETHING TO IMPROVE. AND YOU CAN SEE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD IT'S ALREADY THERE. THE PROPERTY THAT I OWN NOW IS SURROUNDED FOR OFFICES, SCHOOL, PROFESSIONAL BUILDINGS. (INDISCERNIBLE). AND I TALK TO EVERYBODY AROUND LIKE 300 FEET AROUND MY PROPERTY AND MOST EVERYBODY SAID THAT THEY WOULD AGREE WITH A REZONING WITH HAVING A HAIR SALON IN THAT AREA. THE ONLY THING THAT I TRIED TO DO IS TRIED

TO BRING SOMETHING GOOD, AND MAYBE BRING SOME KIND OF EMPLOYMENT FOR THREE OR FOUR PEOPLE IN THE AREA THAT IF THEY DON'T WANT TO TRAVEL THAT MUCH, THEY CAN WORK IN THE AREA. MY PROJECT IS VERY SMALL. I DON'T WANT TO HAVE A BIG, BIG HAIR SALON OR SPA. IT'S SOMETHING VERY SIMPLE, THREE OR FOUR CHAIRS AND SOMETHING VERY FAMILIAR. MY PLAN TO LIVE THERE NEXT DOOR IS TO TAKE CARE OF THE AREA. IT'S KIND OF A LITTLE NOT SAFE AREA. I HAD SOMEBODY BREAK INTO MY HOUSE THREE TIMES ALREADY, THAT'S WHY I HAVE BEEN THERE TWO MONTHS, SO I HAVE TO BE THERE TO TAKE CARE OF MY PROPERTY AND JUST TO BRING SOMETHING NICE AND SAFE TO THE COMMUNITY, SOMETHING GOOD. I DON'T THINK A HAIR SALON WILL HURT ANYBODY IN THIS AREA. IT'S JUST BEHIND A SCHOOL, KIDS CAN GO THERE FOR HAIRCUTS, FAMILY CAN GO THERE FOR HAIRCUTS AND MOST OF THE TIME IT'S BY APPOINTMENTS. I DON'T THINK I WILL BRING MORE TRAFFIC THAT IS THERE ALREADY. IT IS NOT HEAVY TRAFFIC. (INDISCERNIBLE). THERE ARE SOME PLACES THAT SELL CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS, SO THEY HAVE VERY BIG TRUCKS, AND I DON'T THINK I WILL CAUSE ANY PROBLEM TO THE AREA OR TO THE NEIGHBORS. I HAVE SOME CARS THAT MY NEIGHBORS SURROUND MY PROPERTY, THEY SIGN IT AND SEND IT TO THE CITY COMMISSION. THEY WENT OVER THOSE ALREADY. AND I'M HERE IF SOMEBODY HAS ANY QUESTIONS, I'M HERE FOR YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, SIR. QUESTIONS OF THE APPLICANT, COUNCIL? COMMENTS? COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ.

Alvarez: WHAT'S THE CURRENT USE ON THAT PROPERTY? I THINK THAT'S A QUESTION FOR YOU OR FOR STAFF.

IT'S RESIDENTIAL. I'M LIVING THERE NOW.

Alvarez: OKAY. BUT IT'S ZONED N.O. IT LOOKS LIKE. FOR NEIGHBORHOOD OFFICE. AND NEXT DOOR IS ALSO ZONED N.O. WHAT'S THE USE NEXT DOOR?

THE NEXT DOOR ON THE LEFT SIDE --

Alvarez: THERE'S A DAY CARE ON THE LEFT SIDE.

IT'S NOT A DAY CARE ANYMORE. SOMEBODY BOUGHT THE PROPERTY AND I HAVE THE LETTER FROM THERE ALREADY. THEY ARE THE KIND OF PEOPLE THAT THEY ARE IN THE CONSTRUCTION BUSINESS. THEY WILL HAVE A REAL ESTATE OFFICE THERE, SECURITY FOR BUSINESS, FOR HOUSES, AND ANOTHER IS CONTRACTOR, AND ANOTHER OFFICE THEY DO ELECTRICIAN WORK.

Alvarez: N.O. IT LOOKS LIKE. I SEE GREG NODDING RIGHT THERE. I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT WASN'T ZONED SF ALSO. IT DIDN'T SOUND LIKE THOSE USES ARE APPROPRIATE UNDER SF. THEN ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE FROM WHAT THE DAY CARE?

THAT IS THE ONE THAT WAS THE DAY CARE, THE ONE THAT IS AN OFFICE. AND THE RIGHT SIDE THERE IS A MULTI-FAMILY RIGHT THERE, LIKE EIGHT OR NINE APARTMENTS IN THAT PROPERTY.

Alvarez: OKAY. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER QUESTIONS OF THE APPLICANT?  
THANK YOU, SIR.

THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: AT THIS TIME WE HAVE NO FOLKS SIGNED UP IN FAVOR OF THE ZONING CASE AND WE HAVE ONE CITIZEN SIGNED UP IN OPPOSITION, MS. LINDA MOORE. WELCOME, LINDA.

AFTERNOON. I'M LINDA MOORE WITH NORTH AUSTIN CIVIC ASSOCIATION. AND THERE SHOULD HAVE BEEN FOUR OF US SIGNED UP NOT IN FAVOR, BUT I AM THE ONLY ONE SPEAKING, WISHING TO SPEAK. WE WOULD PREFER TO STAY WITH OUR N.O. ZONING ON THIS PROPERTY, WHICH IS PART OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN. BUT WE UNDERSTOOD AT THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION WOULD BE TO LIMIT THE USE ONLY TO PERSONAL SERVICES. AND TODAY I HEARD SOMETHING ABOUT CONDITIONAL USES, WHICH IS NEW TO ME. WE ARE CONCERNED SINCE THIS IS

GOING TO BE A RESIDENCE AND A BUSINESS THAT THERE BE ADEQUATE PARKING FOR BOTH FOR ARTURO'S USE AS A RESIDENCE AND FOR HIS CUSTOMERS. AND I KNOW THIS PROBABLY WILL NOT GET ADDRESSED UNTIL THE SITE PLAN IS PUT IN PLACE, BUT WE WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH THE APPLICANT BEFORE THAT SITE PLAN IS FINALIZED TO MAKE SURE THAT HE DOES HAVE ADEQUATE PAVED PARKING BECAUSE WE ARE THE NEIGHBORHOOD THAT DOESN'T LIKE PEOPLE TO PARK ON THE YARD. HALF LAUGH AS YOU ALL NO DOUBT REMEMBER. AND IF ONE OF YOU COULD EXPOUND A LITTLE BIT ON THE CONDITIONAL USES, I WOULD APPRECIATE IT.

Mayor Wynn: PERHAPS MR. GUERNSEY COULD WALK US THROUGH THE PROPOSED CONDITIONAL OVERLAY.

WHAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION DID WAS THEY BASICALLY ALLOWED THE EXISTING N.O. USES AND PROBABILITYED SOME OF THOSE -- AND PROHIBITED SOME OF THOSE USES THAT WOULD NORMALLY BE ALLOWED IN THE G.O. DISTRICT. AND THEN SOME OF THE OTHER USES THAT WOULD BECOME CONDITIONAL USES ARE ALREADY CONDITIONAL USES UNDER THE N.O. USES. SO WHAT THEY DID IS THEY TOOK THE N.O. USES AND BASICALLY ADDED BACK THE PERSONAL SERVICE USE THAT WOULD ALLOW THE HAIR SALON AND THEN WOULD MAINTAIN ALL THE REST OF THE N.O. USES AND PROHIBITED THOSE G.O. USES THAT WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED. SO SOME OF THEM BECAME PROHIBITED AND SOME OF THEM BECAME CONDITIONAL.

Mayor Wynn: DOES THAT HELP?

DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS FOR ME BEFORE I LEAVE?

Mayor Wynn: QUESTIONS FOR MS. MOORE? COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ.

Alvarez: DID THAT ANSWER HELP YOU UNDERSTAND? UNDERSTAND THE CONCERN THAT YOU HAD OR THE QUESTION THAT YOU HAD?

YES.

Alvarez: ABOUT THE CONDITIONAL USES AND THE PROHIBITED USES?

WE ARE MAINLY CONCERNED ABOUT MORE TRAFFIC ON KRAMER BECAUSE SOME OF IT IS STILL RESIDENTIAL AND WE DON'T WANT IT TO TURN ENTIRELY COMMERCIAL. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL.

Leffingwell: SO I UNDERSTAND YOU TO SAY YOU SUPPORT THIS RECOMMENDATION, WHICH AS I UNDERSTAND IT, IS BASICALLY N.O. WITH ONE G.R. USE, THAT BEING PERSONAL SERVICES. YOU WOULD SUPPORT THAT REQUEST UNDER THOSE CONDITIONS?

YES, WE WOULD.

Leffingwell: ALL RIGHT. IS THAT CORRECT, MR. GUERNSEY, BASICALLY N.O. WITH ONE GR USE?

ONE G.O. USE.

Leffingwell: G.O., EXCUSED ME.

AND ALSO ADDS MIXED USE, WHICH WOULD ALLOW THE RESIDENTIAL USE ON THE PROPERTY.

Leffingwell: RIGHT. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MS. MOORE. COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ.

Alvarez: QUESTION FOR MR. MUNOZ.

I ASSUME THE HEARD THE COMMENTS FROM MS. MOORE ABOUT SPECIFYING WHERE THE PARKING IS GOING TO BE, WHICH IS ACTUALLY I GUESS A SITE PLAN ISSUE WHEN YOU COME FORWARD TO GET SITE PLAN APPROVAL YOU WILL HAVE TO SPECIFY WHERE YOUR PARKING'S GOING TO BE FOR THE BUSINESS AND ALSO FOR THE RESIDENTIAL.

YEAH. I HAVE ONLY THE DRAWING RIGHT THERE. IT SHOWS

THE SIDE OF THE -- IT'S MY HAND, I'M SORRY, BUT IT SHOWS THE SIZE OF THE HOUSE RIGHT NOW AND THE SIZE OF THE PROPERTY. IT'S LIKE WE HAVE 1800, 1900 SQUARE FEET. THE PROPERTY IS ONLY 1100.

Alvarez: YOU CAN GET THAT WIRELESS MIC.

WHAT I TRY IS TO GET THE GRASS TO MAKE IT BIGGER, SO I WILL HAVE ALL THE FRONT AREA OR EVEN PART OF THE BACK OF THE HOUSE FOR PARKING. THE PARKING LOT -- (INDISCERNIBLE). I DON'T THINK IT WILL BE ANY PROBLEM FOR THE PARKING.

Alvarez: OKAY. BUT THERE WILL BE TWO STRUCTURES ON THE LOT INSTEAD OF ONE? THERE'S GOING TO BE TWO STRUCTURES?

NO. I WILL JUST ADD A LITTLE BIT IN THE GARAGE AREA TO MAKE THE GARAGE BIGGER --

Alvarez: PARKING WOULD BE IN THE BACK?

BACK OR IT COULD BE IN THE FRONT AREA OR IN THE BACK OF THE HOUSE IS OKAY.

Alvarez: I THINK WHAT MS. MOORE HAD REQUESTED WAS A CHANCE TO MEET WITH YOU TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE OF PARKING. IS THAT SOMETHING YOU CAN MEET WITH HER AND SHARE YOUR IDEAS FOR THE SITE PLAN AND MAYBE TAKE SOME INPUT FROM THEM ON HOW TO STRUCTURE THAT OR HOW TO LAY IT OUT? OKAY. SO I MIGHT SUGGEST YOU TALK TO HER BEFORE WE LEAVE TODAY IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY, IF YOU DON'T KNOW ALREADY HOW TO BE IN TOUCH WITH HER. I BELIEVE THAT WOULD HELP YOU IN KEEPING THOSE LINES OF COMMUNICATION OPEN WITH THE NEIGHBORS.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER COMMENTS, QUESTIONS?

Thomas: IF YOU DON'T MIND, MAYOR.

Mayor Wynn: MAYOR PRO TEM.

Thomas: MR. MUNOZ, DO YOU HAVE ANY ESTIMATE OF HOW MANY CARS MIGHT BE AT YOUR BUSINESS AT ANY PARTICULAR TIME? YOUR BUSINESS HOURS?

WELL, NOW I OWN A SALON, AND I USUALLY TAKE CARE OF 45 PEOPLE A WEEK. >>

Thomas: A WEEK.

SO IT'S NOT GOING TO CREATE A LOT OF TRAFFIC IN THAT AREA BECAUSE MOST OF THE TIME I WORK BY APPOINTMENTS, SO IT'S NOT LIKE I HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE IN THE SALON AT THE SAME TIME. ONE COME, THE OTHERS GO, ONE COME THE OTHERS GO. IT'S THAT WAY.

Thomas: OKAY. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS, COUNCIL? IF NOT, I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION ON ITEM NUMBER 70 TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ.

Alvarez: ARE WE READY FOR FIRST READING OR ALL THREE?

THIS ITEM IS READY FOR ALL THREE READINGS IF YOU GO WITH THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION.

Alvarez: OKAY. I'LL MOVE APPROVAL OF PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION, MAYOR, ON ALL THREE READINGS.

Dunkerley: I SECOND THAT.

Mayor Wynn: MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLEY TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION ON ALL THREE READINGS. ALONG WITH THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF MR. MUNOZ TO MEET WITH THE NEIGHBORS TO WALK THROUGH THE ITEMS THAT WILL OCCUR AS PART OF THE SITE PLAN PROCESS. COUNCILMEMBER KIM.

Kim: I'LL SUPPORT THE MOTION. I THINK THIS HAIR STUDIO

WILL BE COMPATIBLE WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD. I'D LIKE TO SEE MORE PERSONAL SERVICES SUCH AS THIS TO BE MIXED IN WITH OUR NEIGHBORHOODS. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ.

Alvarez: I'LL JUST ADD, MAYOR, THAT WE'RE GOING FROM N.O. TO G.O. IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE. A LOT OF TIMES YOU SEE ATTEMPTS TO TRY TO REZONE SINGLE-FAMILY ZONED PROPERTY FOR COMMERCIAL USE, AND THAT'S A LITTLE MORE PROBLEMATIC BECAUSE OF THE PRECEDENT THAT IT SETS. SO I THINK THAT'S ANOTHER REASON WHY I'M COMFORTABLE MAKING THIS MOTION. THANKS.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. FURTHER COMMENTS? QUESTIONS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

AYE.

Mayor Wynn: OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON ALL THREE READINGS ON A VOTE OF SEVEN TO ZERO.

THANK YOU, MAYOR AND COUNCIL. LET ME GO ON TO ITEM 74. THIS IS CASE C-14-06-0025. THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 9414 PARKFIELD DRIVE. THIS IS A REZONING REQUEST FROM GR-NP OR COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN ZONING TO CS-1-NP. THIS IS FOR REZONING A PORTION OF AN EXISTING BUILDING OF AN AREA APPROXIMATELY 4,186 SQUARE FEET FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING A COCKTAIL LOUNGE USE WITHIN THIS EXISTING SHOPPING CENTER. THE ZONING -- THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDED DENIAL OF THIS REZONING REQUEST AS DID STAFF FOR THE ZONING CHANGE TO CS-1. THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY, AS I SAID BEFORE, IS AN EXISTING SHOPPING CENTER WITH SOME RETAIL USES AND EXISTING LIQUOR STORE OCCUPYING THE EXISTING CS-1 ZONING TO THE NORTH WITHIN THE SHOPPING CENTER. THE IMMEDIATE AREA IS ZONED SF-3-NP TO THE WEST BEHIND THE CENTER AND TO THE NORTH, WITH GR AND LR USES LOCATED ACROSS THE STREET, PARKFIELD DRIVE, TO THE EAST. SOUTH THERE'S A PORTION OF THE PROPERTY THAT'S ZONED MF-3 ON THE SUBJECT TRACT AND THERE'S A DRY CLEANER I BELIEVE ON

THE CORNER ON RUNDBERG AND PARKFIELD, WHICH IS TO THE SOUTHEAST. WITH THAT I'LL PAUSE, MAYOR. I THINK YOU HAVE ONE INDIVIDUAL THAT HAS SIGNED UP IN OPPOSITION, AND I BELIEVE MR. BENNETT -- MR. JIM BENNETT IS HERE AS THE AGENT FOR THE OWNER.

Mayor Wynn: CORRECT. THANK YOU, MR. GUERNSEY. QUESTIONS OF STAFF, COUNCIL? IF NOT, WITHOUT OBJECTION WE'LL CONDUCT THE PUBLIC HEARING, SO MR. BENNETT WILL HAVE UP TO FIVE MINUTES TO PRESENT HIS CASE. WE'LL THEN HEAR FROM FOLKS IN SUPPORT OF THE ZONING CASE. WE HAVE ONE PERSON SIGNED UP IN FAVOR, BUT NOT WISHING TO SPEAK. THEN WE'LL HEAR FROM THOSE FOLKS IN OPPOSITION. WE HAVE AT LEAST ONE CITIZEN WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THIS IN OPPOSITION. AND THEN MR. BENNETT WILL HAVE A REBUTTAL. WELCOME MR. BENNETT.

THANK YOU, MAYOR, COUNCIL. AS MR. GUERNSEY INDICATED TO YOU, THIS PROPERTY IS DEVELOPED ALREADY WITH A COMMERCIAL STRIP CENTER. IT IS BOUND ODD THREE SIDES BY A STREET, RUTLAND, PARKFIELD, AND RUNDBERG, ALL OF WHICH I BELIEVE ARE EITHER CLASSIFIED AS ARTERIAL OR COLLECTOR STREETS. WE ARE PROPOSING THE CS-1 ZONING WITHIN THE FOOTPRINT OF THE EXISTING BUILDING, SO THERE WON'T BE ANY EXTERIOR CHANGES OR ADDITIONAL BUILDINGS TO ACCOMMODATE THIS. WHAT YOU SEE IS WHAT WOULD BE THERE. THERE IS AN EXISTING CS-1 FOR AN OFF-PREMISE LIQUOR STORE ON THE PROPERTY. THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY HAS A CHURCH ON IT AS WELL, BUT THE CHURCH IS IN THE PROCESS OF LEAVING AND VACATING THEIR PORTION OF THE BUILDING. THEY AS I UNDERSTAND IT WOULD NOT BE OR ARE NOT IN OPPOSITION TO THE ZONING CHANGE THAT'S BEFORE YOU EITHER. AND BASED ON THE FACT THAT THERE'S AN EXISTING CENTER, THIS SIZE CLUB OF 4100 SQUARE FEET OBVIOUSLY IS PROBABLY NOT GOING TO ATTRACT A LOT OF PEOPLE FROM FAR SOUTH AUSTIN UP TO THIS CENTER TO PATRONIZE IT. WE THINK THAT THE PATRONS WILL PROBABLY BE COMING FROM SOMEWHERE IN THE NEAR VICINITY OF THE FACILITY. AND WE'D REQUEST THAT COUNCIL CONSIDER THAT. AND AS FAR AS TRAFFIC GOES, WE DON'T THINK THAT THIS USE IS GOING TO GENERATE

ANY MORE TRAFFIC THAN THE RETAIL. I'LL BE AVAILABLE SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. BENNETT. QUESTIONS OF THE AGENT, COUNCIL? IF NOT WE WOULD HEAR FROM FOLKS IN SUPPORT OF THE ZONING CASE. STEVE BALK SIGNED UP IN SUPPORT OF THE CASE, BUT NOT WISHING TO SPEAK. IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO WOULD WISH TO ADDRESS US IN SUPPORT OF THE ZONING CASE? HEARING NONE, WE'LL HEAR FROM FOLKS IN OPPOSITION THAT WILL INCLUDE OR START WITH LINDA MOORE. WELCOME BACK, LINDA.

[INAUDIBLE - NO MIC].

Mayor Wynn: HE CAN. MY SIGN-UP SYSTEM DOESN'T SEEM TO BE WORKING. ANYBODY THAT WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS US IN OPPOSITION ON THE ZONING CASE, JUST STEP FORWARD AND STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD AND YOU WILL EACH HAVE THREE MINUTES. WELCOME.

I'M BRYAN ALMAN, RESIDENT OF THIS AREA AND ALSO A MEMBER OF NORTH AUSTIN CIVIC ASSOCIATION. I WANT TO THANK THE MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO TEM AND THE COUNCILMEMBERS FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK THIS EVENING. I'VE BEEN A RESIDENT OF THIS AREA SINCE 1988. I WAS ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE ORIGINAL PLANNING TEAM WHEN THE COUNCIL DIRECTED THE CITY STAFF TO START ON THE PLAN IN 1998. SOME OF YOU MAY RECALL THAT THAT PLAN WAS APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL IN 2000. AND ONE OF THE THINGS WE HAD IN THE PLAN WE FELT VERY STRONGLY ABOUT WERE SOME PLANNING PRINCIPLES. AND SOME OF THESE APPLIED TO THIS PARTICULAR SITUATION. IF I MAY I WOULD LIKE TO OUTLINE THOSE FOR YOU. IT SAYS WE WOULD GENERALLY OPPOSE REQUEST FOR REZONING CHANGES WITHIN THE NACA BOUNDARIES. IT DOES NOT INCLUDE OUR BOUNDARY STREETS, WHICH ARE MAIN THOROUGHFARES AS THE CITY, BUT JUST WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES. IF THE ACTION WOULD RESULT IN ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS: ALLOW THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES UNLESS IT IS IN THOSE CLASSIFIED AS RESTAURANT GENERAL. ALLOWING A LATE HOURS PERMIT FROM THE TEXAS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION. SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASE IN THE

VEHICULAR TRAFFIC WITHIN THE NACA BOUNDARIES OR ALLOWING A BUSINESS TO STRAIGHT BETWEEN 6:00 P.M. AND 6:00 A.M. INSIDE THE BOUNDARY STREETS OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD. THIS PARTICULAR CHANGE WOULD IN FACT ALLOW THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN AN ESTABLISHMENT THAT IS NOT CLASSIFIED AS A RESTAURANT. WE STILL FEEL VERY STRONGLY ABOUT THESE PROVISIONS THAT WE ADOPTED IN 2000, AND BECAUSE THE AREA IS SURROUNDED BY SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCES AND DUPLEXES. THIS IS REALLY A VERY SMALL RETAIL AREA WITHIN OUR OVERALL NEIGHBORHOOD BOUNDARY. SO MY WISH IS THAT YOU OPPOSE THIS ZONING CHANGE. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. MS. MOORE, WOULD YOU LIKE TO ADDRESS US? WELCOME. YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES.

THANK YOU, MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS. LINDA MOORE WITH NORTH AUSTIN CIVIC ASSOCIATION. THERE WAS A BAR IN THIS SHOPPING CENTER AT ONE TIME. THERE WAS AN ASIAN MAN THAT WAS KILLED IN THAT LOCATION AND THERE WERE MULTIPLE OCCASIONS ON WHICH THE CITIZENS CALLED POLICE LATE AT NIGHT BECAUSE OF NOISE ISSUES AND DRUNK PATRONS LEAVING THE BAR. SO THIS IS NOT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD BAR, YOUR CHEERS. IT'S NOT GOING TO BE THAT KIND OF A SWEET BAR. WE'VE HAD A BAD EXPERIENCE WITH IT IN THE PAST. WE DO NOT WANT TO REPEAT THAT. THIS SHOPPING CENTER IS RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD, AND THE SOUND CARRIES TO THE SURROUNDING RESIDENTIAL HOME. EVEN THOUGH THAT CHURCH IS IN THE PROCESS OF LEAVING, WE UNDERSTAND THAT A CHURCH SCHOOL IS INTERESTED IN LOCATING IN THAT SPACE. SO I DON'T THINK THAT A BAR OBJECT THE WOULD BE THE BEST USE FOR THAT SPACE. WE WOULD NOT OBJECT TO A RESTAURANT WITH A BAR, BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS?

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MS. MOORE. QUESTIONS OF MS. MOORE, COUNCIL? COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ, THEN THERAPY.

Thomas: GO AHEAD. >>

Alvarez: YES, MS. MOORE, YOU MENTIONED THERE USED TO BE A BAR IN THIS SHOPPING CENTER?

YES.

Alvarez: I DON'T SEE ANY CS 1 FOOTPRINT? WAS IT DOWN ZONED DURING THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING PROCESS?

I THINK IT REVERTED TO WHAT IT WAS PREVIOUSLY.

Alvarez: OKAY. BUT I DON'T SEE ANY CURRENTLY ON THE SITE. WAS IT THE EXACT SAME LOCATION?

I BELIEVE SO.

Alvarez: OF THIS PROPOSED BAR?

YEAH.

Alvarez: THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: MAYOR PRO TEM.

Thomas: THANK YOU, MAYOR. MS. MOORE, IS THAT THE CLOSEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IS --

WOULD BE WOOLDRIDGE.

Thomas: WHERE'S LANIER HIGH SCHOOL?

WOOLDRIDGE IS ABOUT MAYBE FOUR BLOCKS FROM THIS LOCATION.

Thomas: OKAY.

THANK YOU.

Thomas: THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MS. MOORE. NEXT SPEAKER? I'M SORRY I DON'T HAVE THE SIGN-UP PAGE IN FRONT OF ME.

JUST STATE YOUR NAME AND GIVE US YOUR TESTIMONY.

MY NAME IS VIRGINIA ALLMAN, AND I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME SPEAK. BECAUSE I HAVE EXPERIENCE WITH THE PREVIOUS BAR. I LIVE ABOUT A BLOCK AND A HALF FROM IT AND I RECALL IN -- THAT IT WAS LIKE A WAR ZONE. THERE WAS CONSTANT NOISE. WE WERE CALLING THE POLICE. WE HAD SLEEP DISTURBANCE. WE ALSO HAD PROPERTY DAMAGE. THREE TIMES IN TWO YEARS WE WERE -- WE HAD DIRECT HITS FROM DRUNK DRIVERS. THEY HIT ONE TIME MY GARDEN. I LOST ALL MY SUE KEEN ANY AND CUCUMBERS AND CORN. I THINK IT WAS ABOUT SIX MONTHS LATER THEY CAME IN AT A DIFFERENT ANGLE, THEY DAMAGED A SIDE FENCE, SMASHED MY GREENHOUSE, AND IT WOULD HAVE HIT THE DOWNSTAIRS BEDROOM OF OUR DAUGHTER UNLESS OUR BASKETBALL POLE PREVENTED IT. SO I AM AGAINST ANOTHER BAR COMING IN AT THIS LOCATION. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, VIRGINIA. ARE THERE ANY MORE CITIZENS WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS US IN OPPOSITION OF THIS ZONING CASE? IF NOT, THEN MR. BENNETT, YOU WILL HAVE A THREE-MINUTE REBUTTAL IF NEEDED. WELCOME BACK.

COUNCIL, WE'RE NOT PROPOSING A LATE HOURS PERMIT BE REQUESTED, AND THAT CAN CERTAINLY BE A CONDITION THAT COUNCIL COULD IMPOSE ON THIS ZONING CHANGE. MRS. MOORE INDICATED THAT THERE WAS AN EXISTING BAR ALREADY THERE. AS COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ SAYS, IT ACTUALLY WAS A RESTAURANT THAT WAS OPERATING IMPROPERLY, NOT A BAR PER SE, BECAUSE YOU COULDN'T HAVE A BAR THERE. I'M NOT SURE HOW MRS. MOORE KNOWS THAT THE FACILITY THAT WOULD BE GOING IN WOULDN'T BE A CHEERS-KIND OF BAR. IT'S CERTAINLY NOT AN OVERSIZED BAR FOR THAT SIZE NEIGHBORHOOD. AND RELATIVE TO THE LAST SPEAKER, IF THEY'VE HAD ACCIDENTS IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD, I DON'T KNOW WHETHER PEOPLE WERE DRINKING. IF THEY WERE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OR IF THEY WERE JUST HAVING ACCIDENTS. SO I CAN'T REALLY ADDRESS THAT. BUT WITH THE CONSIDERATION OF NO LATE HOURS, WE'D REQUEST THAT COUNCIL CONSIDER THE APPLICATION FOR CS-1. THANK

YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. BENNETT. QUESTIONS OF ANYBODY, COUNCIL? MR. GUERNSEY, A QUESTION FROM ME. I WANT TO CONFIRM MY NOTES HAVE IT THAT BOTH STAFF AND PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDED AGAINST THIS REQUEST.

THAT'S CORRECT. STAFF DID NOT RECOMMEND IT AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDED DENIAL.

Mayor Wynn: HAD IT FOR A FULL HEARING AND A PRESENTATION?

AFTER A FULL HEARING AND PRESENTATION.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, COUNCIL? IF NOT, I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION. ITEM 74.

Dunkerley: MAYOR, I WOULD MOVE THE DENIAL OF THIS ZONING REQUEST. >>

Mayor Wynn: MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLEY, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KIM TO CLOSE THIS PUBLIC HEARING, ITEM 74, AND DENY THIS ZONING CASE. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

AYE.

Mayor Wynn: OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF SEVEN TO ZERO. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH.

MAYOR, THAT CONCLUDES THE REZONING ITEMS WE HAVE THIS EVENING. MATURE MAYOR THANK YOU, MR. GUERNSEY. GOOD TIMING. COUNCIL, THAT ACTUALLY CONCLUDES ALL OF OUR ITEMS PRIOR TO THE 5:30 BREAK FOR LIVE MUSIC AND PROCLAMATIONS. AND AS HOPED, AS SOON AS WE FINISH THAT, SHORTLY AFTER 6:00 P.M., WE WILL TAKE UP OUR ONE PUBLIC HEARING OF THE EVENING, WHICH IS ITEM REGARDING THE PROPOSED BOND ELECTION IN NOVEMBER OF THIS YEAR. SO WITHOUT OBJECTION WE WILL NOW

RECESS THIS MEETING OF THE AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL. STAY TUNED IN A FEW MINUTES FOR LIVE MUSIC AND PROCLAMATIONS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Alvarez: TODAY THEIR PERFORM ANGS CELEBRATES WHAT THE COUNCIL HAS BEEN SUPPORTING FOR SEVERAL MONTHS RELATING TO LATINO MUSIC. MAY IS LATINO MUSIC MONTH IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, AND SO DURING THE MONTH OF MAY OUR FEATURED ARTISTS AT THE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS HAVE BEEN LATINO BANDS AND WE'VE ALSO FEATURED LATINO ARTISTS AT OUR NOON CONCERT SERIES THAT HAPPENS EVERY FRIDAY. FREE CONCERTS HERE AT CITY HALL. SO TOMORROW WE HAVE JOHNNIE DELL GUADILLO WHO IS HERE TODAY. AND HE'S PLAYING TOAP AT NOON. HE'S A HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE. COME OUT TOMORROW IF YOU CAN AND YOU CAN GO TO TEJANO MUSIC.COM TO SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING THROUGHOUT THE REST OF THE MONTH IN LATINO MUSIC. ALSO THIS MORNING THE CITY COUNCIL VOTED TO CREATE THE TRAIL OF TEJANO MUSIC AND THAT'S TAKEN ABOUT A YEAR AND A HALF'S WORTH OF WORK TO DO, BUT THIS MORNING THE CITY COUNCIL MOVED TO NAME THE GRAND PLAZA AT THE MEXICAN-AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER, AND SO WE'RE VERY PROUD OF THAT AND THE GROUP LOS FLAMES. SO WE HAVE THAT CONNECTION TO WITH THE TRAIL OF TEJANO LEGENDS. SO I'LL JUST INTRODUCE THEM AND LET THEM PERFORM FOR A LITTLE WHILE. AND IT SAYS JOIN US TODAY IS LOS FLAMES, THE BAND CONSISTS OF THESE VOCALISTS. THEIR MUSIC COVERS A WIDE ARRAY OF SELECTIONS FROM RHYTHM AND BLUES TO CLASSIC ROCK, COUNTRY TO LATIN MUSIC AND DISCO AND EASY LISTENING. A COMPILATION CD OF LOS FLAMES' POPULAR TUNES IS DUE FOR RELEASE LATER THIS SUMMER. JOIN ME IN WELCOMING A BAND WHOSE MUSICIANS HAVE ENTERTAINED GENERATIONS OF AUDIENCES ALL ACROSS THE WORLD. PLEASE WELCOME LOS FLAMES. [ APPLAUSE ] [ (music) MUSIC PLAYING (music)(music) ] [ (music) MUSIC PLAYING (music)(music) ] [ (music) MUSIC PLAYING (music)(music) ]

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [ APPLAUSE ]

THANK YOU SO MUCH, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. [ APPLAUSE ]

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Alvarez: ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU SO MUCH. I HAVE A PROCLAMATION HERE TO PRESENT TO THE BAND ON BEHALF OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL. AND I'LL READ IT REAL QUICKLY. IT SAYS, BE IT KNOWN THAT WHEREAS THE LOCAL MUSIC COMMUNITY MAKES MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS DEVELOPMENT OF AUSTIN'S SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND WHEREAS THE DEDICATED EFFORTS OF ARTISTS FURTHER AUSTIN'S STATUS AS THE LIVE MUSIC CAPITOL OF THE WORLD. NOW THEREFORE I, WILL WYNN, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND THE CITY COUNCIL DO HERE BY PROCLAIM MAY 25TH, 2006 AS LOS FLAMES DAY IN AUSTIN. LET'S HERE IT, FOLKS. [ CHEERS AND APPLAUSE ]

I'VE GOT THE FLOOR. ANYBODY GOT COMPLAINTS? THE MAYOR'S NOT HERE. ON BEHALF OF THE WHOLE BAND, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I WANT TO EXPRESS OUR DEEP GRATITUDE THAT IT'S QUITE AN HONOR TO -- WE'VE JUST BEEN TOGETHER HERE FOR A FEW YEARS, ACTUALLY EXPERIENCEWISE EVERYBODY IS REAL EXPERIENCED, BUT WE JUST GOT TOGETHER AND I'M BLESSED AS HECK TO BE SURROUND BID A GREAT GROUP OF GUYS HERE. I WANT TO THANK THE CITY COUNCIL, THE MAYOR, ROSE REYES AND OUR FAMILIES. OUR SOUND MAN, OUR WEB MASTER. I COULD GO ON AND ON. THANK YOU SO MUCH AND GOD BLESS YOU ALL. [ APPLAUSE ]

Alvarez: SHOULD WE MOVE FORWARD? WE HAVE A FEW MUSICAL PRESENTATIONS TO MAKE, AND SO I GUESS WE'LL JUMP INTO THAT. AS I MENTIONED EARLIER TODAY, WE -- THE CITY COUNCIL THIS MORNING APPROVED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TRAIL OF TEJANO LEGENDS AND NAMED SIX OR SEVEN CITY FACILITIES FOR MUSICIANS. LATINO MUSICIANS IN PARTICULAR. AND WE'RE GOING TO TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THAT AND PRESENT THE FAMILIES WITH THE CERTIFICATES, BUT ALONG WITH THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ALSO APPROPRIATED \$200,000 TO -- FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT THOSE FACILITIES IN HONOR OF THESE MUSICIANS AS WELL, SO LET'S CELEBRATE THAT AS WELL RIGHT NOW. AND THANK THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL FOR DOING THIS FOR THESE MUSICIANS. [ APPLAUSE ] AND

WE HAD -- I THINK WE HAVE A QUICK VIDEO THAT WE'RE GOING TO SHOW THAT TALKS A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE GENESIS AND HOW WE GOT TO THIS POINT OF CREATING THE TRAIL OF TEJANO LEGENDS. AND OF COURSE IT HAS A LITTLE MUSIC THAT WE'RE GOING TO HEAR AS WELL SINCE THIS IS A MUSIC-RELATED PRESENTATION. SO A FEW SHORT CLIPS. THIS IS ACTUALLY A CLIP FROM 2001. IT WAS A TRIBUTE THAT WAS PUT ON BY MANY OF OUR LOCAL MUSIC LEGENDS TO HONOR (INDISCERNIBLE) AND THAT'S WHAT YOU WILL BE SEEING A FEW CLIPS FROM THAT NIGHT.

RAUL ALVAREZ WAS THERE. WE STARTED TALKING AND THAT'S HOW THE IDEA STARTED ABOUT WHAT CAN WE DO TO PAY HONOR, TRIBUTE TO ROY. THIS IS WHAT WE CAME UP WITH. I HOPE YOU GUYS HAVE A GOOD TIME TONIGHT. HE'S GOING TO BE HERE WITH A FULL BAND. THE TRIBUTE BAND.

HE'S A TEXAS LEGEND. THIS IS THE GUY THAT STARTED TO PLAY AND NEVER STOPPED. VEE SVEN ACTUALLY WHEN HE GOT HIS HIS OWN ORCHESTRA, THE SKY WAS THE LIMIT FOR ROY.

ROY HAS BEEN AROUND A LONG TIME. HE'S ONE OF THE OLD MUSICIANS FROM THE OLD TOWN HERE AND STARTED OUT WAY BACK IN THE 50'S RIGHT OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL. I GUESS HE STARTED IN HIGH SCHOOL. HE'S BEEN AROUND IN TEJANO MUSIC HERE FOR A LONG TIME. I WAS HONOR THAT HAD THEY CALLED ME AND INVITED ME.

ARE Y'ALL READY TO PARTY? ROY WANTS Y'ALL TO PARTY. HE WANTS Y'ALL TO HAVE A GOOD TIME TONIGHT. SO LET'S GIVE IT UP TO BROTHER THE ENTIRE TRIBUTE BAND, AND IT'S A TRIBUTE TO MR. ROY MONTALONGA. TAKE IT AWAY, BROTHER. [ (music) MUSIC PLAYING (music)(music) ] CINCO DE MAYO R.MUSIC [ (music) MUSIC PLAYING (music)(music) ]

WE STARTED TALKING AND THAT'S HOW THE IDEA STARTED. ABOUT WHAT CAN WE DO TO PAY HONOR, TRIBUTE TO ROY. THIS IS WHAT WE CAME UP WITH. I HOPE YOU GUYS HAVE A GOOD TIME TONIGHT. [ APPLAUSE ]

Alvarez: IT HAD SEVERAL DIFFERENT ORGANIZATIONS

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ROY, AND I READ A PROCLAMATION ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL DECLARING THAT PARTICULAR DAY ROY'S DAY, AND THAT WAS FIVE YEARS AGO. I HAD A GOATEE AND I LOOKED A LOT MORE YOUNGER, I HAD MORE HAIR. BUT THAT WAS THE GENESIS FOR CREATING THE AUSTIN LATINO MUSIC ASSOCIATION AND ONE OF THE GOALS BEHIND THAT ASSOCIATION WAS TO RECOGNIZE THE PIONEERS IN LATINO MUSIC OR TEJANO MUSIC HERE LOCALLY. SO WE'VE AWARDED THAT AWARD TO MANY DIFFERENT ARTISTS. AND THE TRAIL OF TEJANO LEGENDS WAS ANOTHER WAY TO HONOR THESE LEGENDS. SO VERY BRIEFLY I WANT TO RECOGNIZE THOSE ARTISTS THAT WERE SELECTED AND SUPPORTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL TO BE A PART OF THAT TRAIL OF TEJANO LEGENDS. I'LL START WITH ROY, AND WE ARE -- AGAIN, TO A CERTAIN DEGREE IT'S BECAUSE OF ROY THAT WE'RE HERE TO THIS DAY SUPPORTING OR CREATING THE TRAIL OF TEJANO LEGENDS AND HONORING NOT JUST ROY, BUT OTHER ARTISTS AS WELL. I WANT TO THANK HIS FAMILY FOR THEIR SUPPORT. AND GOING INTO THE COMMUNITY AND GETTING SUPPORT FOR THIS IDEA BECAUSE OF THE 650 LETTERS OF SUPPORT. THEY PROBABLY WENT OUT AND GATHERED ABOUT HALF OF THAT. ROY IS A TEJANO LEGEND WHO WENT OUT AND STARTED PLAYING WITH MANY ARTISTS BEFORE FORMING HIS OWN BAND. ONE OF HIS FIRST PICKS AS SIDE MAN WAS (INDISCERNIBLE) AND HE RECORDED MANY HITS AND TOURED NATIONALLY AND HE IS -- I'M MENTIONING A LOT OF NAMES AND THEY'RE VERY, VERY IMPORTANT FOLKS IN THE HISTORY OF TEJANO MUSIC. PLEASE WELCOME THE FAMILY OF ROY. I KNOW THERE ARE SEVERAL FOLKS HERE IF SOMEONE CAN COME UP AND ACCEPT THE AWARD AND SAY A COUPLE OF WORDS IF THEY LIKE. CLUB R. [ONE MOMENT, PLEASE, FOR CHANGE IN CAPTIONERS]

Alvarez: THANK YOU, MARY, A TRIBUTE SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 15th AT THE H AND H BALLROOM FEATURING TWO MUSICIANS, YOU WILL NOTICE ALL OF THESE MUSICIANS HELP EACH OTHER OUT AND SUPPORT EACH OTHER, THEY PLAY TOGETHER. THAT'S ANOTHER EXCITING ASPECT OF THIS PROPOSAL. I WANT TO -- TO -- TO SEE -- I THINK THERE'S SOMEONE HERE REPRESENTING OR OWE BEHALF

OF MANUEL DONALLY, ANOTHER ONE OF OUR LOCAL MUSIC TEJANO ORCHESTRA PIONEERS. MUSICIAN ARRANGER AND COMPOSER, HE'S WELL RESPECTED BY HIS PEERS, HE ALSO PERFORMS IN THE MARIACHI ENSEMBLES, COMPOSED AND PERFORMED FOR SOUND TRACKS, TAUGHT GUITAR LESSONS AND HE'S HAD HIS [SPEAKING IN SPANISH] FOR GETTING CLOSE TO 60 YEARS NOW, THIS IS A LONG, LONG TIME, FIRST FORMED THAT GROUP IN 19 HAD THE. JOIN ME IN RECOGNIZING MANUEL DONALLY. [ APPLAUSE ]

THIS CERTIFICATE SAYS IT'S PRESENTED TO MANUEL AND ROBERT DONALLY IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR IMPORTANT ARTISTIC AND CIVIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO AUSTIN, THERE WAS A PARK NAMED ON BEHALF OF BOTH OF THE BROTHERS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR COMMUNITY. AND THIS -- THIS PUBLIC FACILITY IS RECOGNIZED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AS PART OF THE TRAIL OF TEJANO LEGENDS AND IT'S PRESENTED AND SIGNED HERE BY MAYOR WILL WYNN.

THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF MR. MANUEL DONALLY. HE WAS NOT ABLE TO ATTEND THIS EVENING. I HAVE HAD THE HONOR OF BEING A STUDENT OF HIS FOR THREE YEARS F. I MAY SHARE THREE WORDS THAT I BELIEVE DESCRIBE HIM, STATESMAN, TEACHER, AND PROFESSIONAL. HE HAS AND STILL CONTINUES TO BRING HONOR TO HIS PROFESSION, TEJANO MUSIC. THROUGH HIS HONESTY, INTEGRITY AND HARD WORK. I WANT TO THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ, FOR RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS THAT HE HAS AND CONTINUES TO MAKE. HE DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND SO DO THESE OTHER LEGENDS BEFORE US. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

Alvarez: THE NEXT BAND OR ARTIST THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE IS A NATIONAL -- NASH HERNANDEZ OR THE NASH HERNANDEZ ORCHESTRA, YOU HAVE PROBABLY SEEN THEIR NAME STILL OUT SINCE THEY STILL PERFORM, IT'S AN ORCHESTRA THAT'S BEEN AROUND OVER 50 YEARS, LED BY NASH'S SON RUBEN HERNANDEZ, AUSTIN'S LONGEST RUNNING BIG BAND. THEY PLAY BIG BAND SWING IN LATINO STYLES OF MUSIC AND NASH FELL IN LOVE WITH THE BIG

BAND STYLE WHILE IN THE ARMY DURING WORLD WAR II. HE RETURNED TO AUSTIN AND WORKED WITH MEAT MATT VELASQUEZ BEFORE STARTING HIS OWN BAND. HE WAS NAMED A GOVERNOR OF GOODWILL BY DOFL BRISCOE. HE PERFORM UNDERSTAND 1973 AT THE GOVERNOR'S INAUGURAL BALL, RECOGNIZED BY THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS SENATE BY VICE-PRESIDENT AL GORE AND NASH PASSED AWAY IN 1994, THE BAND CONTINUES TO PERFORM UNDER THE DIRECTION OF HIS SON RUBEN, I'M NOT SURE IF WE HAVE A FAMILY MEMBERS HERE WHO COULD HELP THIS AT THIS TIME? I'LL JUST READ THIS CERTIFICATE. PRESENTED TO THE FAMILIAR IN RECOGNITION OF HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE AUSTIN MUSIC SCENE. ON THIS DAY FESTIVAL BEACH ROAD RENAMED NASH HERNANDEZ ROAD, THIS PUBLIC ROAD HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED AS PARTS OF THE TRAIL OF TEJANO LEGENDS, SIGNED BY MAYOR WILL WYNN. YOU HEARD ME MENTION THAT NASH PLAYED WITH MATT VELASQUEZ, THEY ARE THE FAMILY OF ROY'S TAXI, AND WE ACTUALLY THIS MORNING NAMED A PLAZA FOR ROY AND MATT VALUE LESS QUESTION FOR -- VALUE LESS OWEVELASQUEZ FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS AND ALSO THEIR CIVIC CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ROY AND THE WHOLE FAMILY REALLY. BUT MATT'S BAND WAS FORMED IN 1946, HE CONTINUED TO PLAY UNTIL 1959. HE WAS A VOCALIST AND GUITARIST, MEMBER OF SEVERAL BALLROOM BANDS INCLUDING BIG PAPA'S BAND, HE STARTED PLAYING WITH THEM WHEN HE WAS 14 YEARS OLD. AFTER HE RETURNED FROM THE SERVICE IN 1946, THAT'S WHEN HE FORMED HIS OWN BAND, HE'S PERFORMED AT MANY, MANY COMMUNITY FUNCTIONS AND HE ACTUALLY PERFORMED AT THE GRAND OPENING OF THE PARMER AUDITORIUM IN 1959 AND THAT'S THE ORIGINAL PALMER AUDITORIUM, OF COURSE AND HE'S WORKED WITH MARTINEZ, [INDISCERNIBLE] AND HIS BROTHER JAMES PLAYED DRUM, I'M NOT SURE AGAIN IF THERE'S A MEMBER OF THE VELASQUEZ FAMILY HERE TO -- ACTUALLY MR. MARTINEZ IS HERE HIMSELF. LET'S JOIN ME IN WELCOMING MR. VELASQUEZ. [ APPLAUSE ] HE WILL CORRECT ME IF I GOT ANY OF THAT WRONG. THANK YOU, MR. VELASQUEZ, FOR EVERYTHING THAT YOU HAVE DONE FOR OUR CITY. THE PROCLAMATION HERE SAYS THAT THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED TO MARTIAS VELASQUEZ IN RECOGNITION OF HIS IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE

AUSTIN MUSIC SCENE AND ON THIS DAY, THE CITY HAS RENAMED THE MEDINA STREET PLAZA FOR IN HONOR OF MARTINAA SEND HIS BROTHER ROY, THIS IS RECOGNIZED AS PART OF THE TRAIL OF TEJANO LEGENDS. GRACIAS.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS? [ APPLAUSE ]

I'M SHORT ON WORDS. I WOULD RATHER SING TO PEOPLE THAN TALK TO THEM. BUT -- [LAUGHTER] I'M SHORT OF WORDS SO I WANT TO THANK EVERYBODY FOR A LOT OF THE OLD TIMERS THAT WORKED WITH ME, NASH, ROY, ALL OF THOSE GUYS BACK WHEN I WAS PLAYING MUSIC. I OPENED PALMER AUDITORIUM WHEN IT FIRST STARTED, PLAYED A LOT OF SOCIAL PARTIES, HEADLINERS CLUB, ALL OF THOSE DIFFERENT CLUBS IN AUSTIN. I DIDN'T HAVE TO GO TOO MUCH OUT OF TOWN BECAUSE I HAD ENOUGH WORK HERE IN AUSTIN THAT KEPT ME BUSY AS LONG AS I WAS IN BUSINESS. I WANT TO THANK EVERYBODY FOR BEING HERE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [ APPLAUSE ]

THANK YOU. APPRECIATE IT.

Alvarez: JUST A COUPLE MORE. THIS NEXT GENTLEMAN IS WITH US HERE TODAY AS WELL. VERY HAPPY THAT HE CAN BE HERE TO JOIN US AND HE'S ANOTHER CUJUNTO LEGEND, JOHN KNEE DELGADO, HE HAS BEEN PLAYING SINCE AGE 15. THEY ARE CELEBRATING OVER 50 YEARS ALSO IN MUSIC, HE STUDIED UNDER CAMILO CANTU. JOHNNY COMPOSED OVER TWO HUNDRED SONGS, COORDINATES THE AUSTIN CONJUTO FESTIVAL, PLEASE JOIN ME IN WELCOMING MR. JOHNNY DELGADO. I WILL READ THE CERTIFICATE REAL QUICK. PRESENTED TO MR. JOHNNY DEL DELGALLDO, ON THIS DAY THE PAVILION AT FIESTA GARDENS HAS BEEN NAMED IN HONOR OF HIM AND RECOGNIZED AS PARTS OF THE TRAIL OF TEJANO LEGENDS, SIGNED BY OUR MAYOR, WILL WYNN. [ APPLAUSE ]

THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. COUNCILMAN RAUL ALVAREZ. MAYOR OF AUSTIN, WILL WYNN, THE CITY OF AUSTIN. AND ROY MONTELONGO RECORDED 15 OF MY SONGS, RAMOS RECORDED ANOTHER 10, AND RAYMOND RAMOS RECORDED

ANOTHER 15 AND [INDISCERNIBLE] RECORDED SOME SONGS, GEORGE GEE, [INDISCERNIBLE] SAN ANTONIO. LOTS OF PEOPLE RECORDED MY SONGS, I HAVE WRITTEN 200 SONGS, SOMETHING LIKE THAT. AND I REPRESENT THE CONJUNTO MUSIC, ACCORDION HERE IN AUSTIN, TEXAS. I THANK MR. RAUL AL VAR ALVAREZ VERY MUCH FOR THIS HONOR, THE CITY OF AUSTIN, THE MAYOR, ALL OF THE STAFF. [ APPLAUSE ]

Alvarez: ONE MORE FACILITY THAT WAS NAMED FOR A FAMILY WHO -- WHOSE MUSICAL EXPLOITS WE COULD TALK ABOUT FOR A LONG, LONG TIME. SO WE WILL TRY TO CHEAP THIS SHORT. BUT KEEP THIS SHORT. YOU HEARD FROM SOME OF THEM A LITTLE WHILE AGO AS PART OF THE GROUP LOS FLAMES, WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE THE PEREZ AND RAMOS FAMILIES FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO OUR LOCAL MUSIC SCENE, THEY HAVE A LONG MUSICAL TRADITION THAT STRETCHES BACK SEVERAL GENERATIONS, THE FAMILY -- THE TWO FAMILIES PEREZ AND RAMOS FAMILIES ARE CONNECTED BY BROTHERS DON LUIS PEREZ AND DON [INDISCERNIBLE] PEREZ, THEY ARE ALL PEREZ, BUT WE ALL KNOW THAT AN INTEGRAL PART OF THAT FAMILY AS WELL. THEY ARE THE PARENTS [INDISCERNIBLE] TO -- TWO OF OUR LOCAL BAND LEADERS THAT ARE IN THE TEJANO MUSIC HALL OF FAME. AND DON PEREZ AND HIS WIFE ARE THE PARENTS OF -- WHO ARE ALSO TWO LOCAL BAND LEADERS AND WHO LED THEIR OWN ORCHESTRAS BACK IN THE 40s AND 50s. AND THERE ARE MANY, MANY OTHER MUSICIANS WHO COMPRISE BOTH OF THESE FAMILIES AND THAT'S WHY WE ARE NOT NECESSARILY SINGLING OUT ANY PARTICULAR MEMBER OF THE FAMILY, BUT THE FAMILIES THEMSELVES BECAUSE THERE'S SO -- THEY ARE SO TALENTED AND WE -- WE HAVE RECOGNITION, IN RECOGNITION, YOU KNOW, OF THIS CONTRIBUTION, YOU KNOW, TO OUR COMMUNITY, THEN WE HAVE A -- NAMED PART OF THE MEXICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER FOR THE PEREZ AND RAMOS FAMILIES OF THE GRAND PLAZA AND WE HAVE ALLOCATED SOME FUNDS TO PROVIDE TRIBUTE AND TO HAVE A NICE MONUMENT THERE TO HONOR THE FAMILY AND IT'S GOING TO BE RIGHT THERE ON -- IN RAINEY STREET WHERE RIVER STREET DEAD ENDS INTO TOWN LAKE, IT'S A GREAT, GREAT LOCATION RIGHT ON TOWN LAKE,

RIGHT ON THE HIKE AND BIKE TRAIL. WE CAN'T SAY ENOUGH GREAT THINGS ABOUT THE FAMILY, THERE'S A LOT OF FAMILY MEMBERS HERE. HOW MANY OF THE PEREZ AND RAMOS FAMILY MEMBERS WHO ARE HERE ARE MUSICIANS, RAISE YOUR HANDS AND CALL UP ALL OF THE MUSICIANS UP HERE TO ACCEPT THIS AWARD SO LET'S HEAR IT, I SEE MR. RUBEN RAMOS HERE. GRAMMY AWARD WINNER. [ APPLAUSE ] EARNEST PEREZ IS HERE, I DON'T SEE ALFONSO, TRY TO COME UP HERE AND WE WILL TRY TO RECOGNIZE YOU. AND ALLOW YOU ALL TO SAY A COUPLE OF WORDS. BUT WE HAVE -- WE HAVE CERTIFICATES HERE FOR BOTH FAMILIES. IT SAYS WE PRESENT THE CERTIFICATE FOR THE PEREZ FAMILY, ALSO ONE FOR THE RAMOS FAMILY, IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO AUSTIN'S MUSIC SCENE. ON THIS DAY THE GRAND PLAZA AT THE MEXICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER HAS BEEN NAMED IN HONOR OF THESE TWO FAMILIES AND THIS PUBLIC FACILITY HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED AS PART OF THE TRAIL OF TEJANO LEGENDS AND AGAIN THIS IS SIGNED BY OUR MAYOR, WILL WIN, [SPEAKING IN SPANISH] MUCHAS GRACIAS. [ APPLAUSE ]

I WANT TO THANK FIRST OF ALL THE HONORABLE MAYOR WILL WYNN. ALL OF THE CITY COUNCIL, THE CITY OF AUSTIN, FIRST AND FOREMOST I WANT TO THANK MR. RAUL ALVAREZ FOR HIS HARD WORK AND PERSEVERANCE IN GETTING THESE PROCLAMATIONS DONE. OF COURSE I WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR BEING HERE AND I ACCEPT THIS PROCLAMATION, OF COURSE I BROUGHT MY SISTER BECAUSE MY SISTER IS THE FIRST ONE THAT STARTED IN OUR FAMILY SINGING, STARTED HERE, BUT -- BUT WITH THE PEREZ, FROM WAY BACK, MY SISTER INEZ RAMOS. [ APPLAUSE ]

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'M NOT A SPEAKER. I AM A SINGER, I STILL AM. BUT I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU. I SEE LOTS OF PEOPLE HERE, I AM SO PROUD TO HAVE YOU ALL, YOU KNOW, WITH US HERE BECAUSE IT MEANS VERY MUCH TO ME. I STARTED SINGING WITH MY UNCLE IN 1946 BEFORE MY BROTHERS. AND THEY -- AL IF ALSO FONSO STARTED WITH MY BROTHERS, A WEEK AFTER I STARTED SINGING BECAUSE I WAS PLANNING MY WEDDING, I WAS GOING TO GET MARRIED. I WAS SUPPOSED TO BE -- HE'S BEEN PLAYING

FOR OVER 50 YEARS. NOW 92 YEARS 60 -- 6 AND -- AND SO HE IS STILL PLAYING. AND THEY HAVE BEEN DOING VOLUNTEER PLAYING FOR DIFFERENT THINGS, DIFFERENT THINGS FOR THE PEOPLE DURING THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS. ALL THE BANDS GET TOGETHER AND PLAY TOGETHER. RUBEN AND THE REST OF MY BROTHERS JOINED THEM AS THEY -- AS THEY GOT TO HIGH SCHOOL AND STARTED PLAYING. I REMEMBER MY MOTHER DIDN'T -- COULDN'T WAKE UP MY BROTHER ON MONDAY MORNING BECAUSE THEY HAD BEEN PLAYING SUNDAY NIGHTS AND MY BROTHER, LITTLE BROTHER ROY WOULD SAY, MAMMA, I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU DO IN THE MORNING, BUT WAKE ME UP, EVEN IF YOU HAVE TO THROW A PITCHER OF COLD WATER IN MY FACE. [LAUGHTER] JOE WAS SAYS, HE DIDN'T GET UP REAL FAST BUT ROY WAS -- GET AWAY FROM HERE! DON'T -- WELL YOU SAID ON WAKE YOU UP AT 7:00. BETTER GET UP. I'M STILL SINGING WITH MY BROTHER ONCE IN A WHILE, EVERY TIME I CAN GET AWAY. THIS IS SOMETHING TO BE PROUD OF, I HAVE BEEN SINGING SINCE '46 AND I HAVEN'T STOPPED YET. AND THANK YOU FOR ALL FOR BEING HERE. I HOPE MY BROTHER, I WISH MY BROTHER ALFONSE WAS HERE, HE CAN TELL YOU A LOT MORE THAN I CAN. THANK YOU.

MY NAME IS RUB BEAN PEREZ, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYBODY FOR COMING OVER AND ALL OF THE MUSICIANS HAS HELPED ME STAND HERE TODAY BECAUSE NO ONE IS A MUSICIAN BY HIMSELF. SO I THANK ALL OF MY FRIENDS, ALSO MR. ALVAREZ, MR. WYNN, EVERYBODY ELSE, AND I'M GRATEFUL TO BE HERE TODAY AND THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

NEXT, I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO EVERYBODY FOR MAKING THIS OCCASION ONE OF THE MOST WONDERFUL OCCASIONS THAT I'VE HAD. I WANT TO THANK MR. ALVAREZ AND THE MAYOR, ALL OF THE CITY COUNCIL PEOPLE. AND ALL OF YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [ APPLAUSE ]

HI, I AM EARNEST'S DAUGHTER, I WANTED TO MAKE A VERY QUICK NOTE. MY FATHER AND MY UNCLE RUBEN ALSO HAVE A SISTER, HER NAME IS CARMEN PEREZ GOMEZ, SHE WAS ALSO A VOCALIST IN THE BAND. AND ALSO WE ARE HONORING ALL OF OUR LOVED ONES IN AND OUR RELATIVES

FROM THE PEREZ AND RAMOS FAMILIES FROM HOUSTON. MANY OF US LIVE IN HOUSTON. AND INCLUDING OUR UNCLE WHO WAS ALSO AN INCREDIBLE MUSICIAN AND ENTERTAINED THE MASSES IN CENTRAL TEXAS AND SOUTH TEXAS FOR OVER 50 YEARS AS WELL. SO HE JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT -- THAT THEY GOT RECOGNIZED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH COUNCILMEMBER RAUL ALVAREZ AND CITY COUNCIL AND ALL OF THE FANS AND THE MUSICIANS AND FAMILIES AND FRIENDS AND WE ARE JUST GRATEFUL TO EVERYONE, SO PROUD AND HONORED FOR THIS INCREDIBLE, WONDERFUL OCCASION OF THE MEXICAN CULTURAL CENTER THAT WE WORKED SO HARD FOR SO MANY YEARS. IT HAS FINALLY COME TO FRUITION, WE ARE ECSTATIC TO BE A PART OF IT. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. [ APPLAUSE ]

Alvarez: THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR PATIENCE IN GETTING US THROUGH THIS, BUT IT'S VERY EXCITING DAY FOR -- FOR ALL OF US, INCLUDING THE HONOREES, BUT THEY HAVE ADDED SO MUCH TO OUR CULTURAL LANDSCAPE, MEANS SO MUCH TO OUR COMMUNITY, TO DO THIS. I WANT TO THANK AGAIN THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE MAYOR. AND WE HAVE A RECEPTION UPSTAIRS ON THE THIRD FLOOR FOR THOSE FOLKS WHO MAYBE WANT TO CONGRATULATE THE -- THESE ARTISTS PERSONALLY, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GO UPSTAIRS TO THE THIRD FLOOR, MR. JOHNNY DE GALADO WILL BE PLAYING HIS ACCORDION FOR US, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR BEING HERE AND FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS EXCITING PROJECT. I WILL HAND IT OVER BACK TO THE MAYOR. THANK YOU, MAYOR. [ APPLAUSE ]

Mayor Wynn: WHILE TEJANO LEGENDS CONTINUE VISITING AND CELEBRATING A GREAT FUN DAY FOR US HERE IN AUSTIN, WE WILL CONTINUE ON OUR WEEKLY PROCLAMATIONS AND CERTIFICATES AND CONGRATULATIONS OF WHATNOT. WE USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO HIGHLIGHT CERTAIN ISSUES THAT ARE OCCURRING IN THE COMMUNITY, TO RAISE AWARENESS, SAY THANK YOU TO LOTS OF FOLKS, OUR FIRST PROCLAMATION IS REGARDING NATIONAL CANCER SURVIVORS DAY. EACH YEAR LEIBEL COMES UP AND HELPS US HIGHLIGHT THIS. ALSO GOOD TO SEE HIM UP HERE BECAUSE HE HOPEFULLY WILL MENTION TO YOU HE IS A

CANCER SURVIVOR. WE ARE PROUD HERE IN AUSTIN TO CONTINUE THE TRADITION OF RAISING AWARENESS AND DECLARING A NATIONAL CANCER SURVIVORS DAY. I WILL READ THE PROCLAMATION, ASK HIM TO TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE DAY AND THE ISSUES AND EVENTS OCCURRING HERE IN AUSTIN. THIS PROCLAMATION READS: BE IT KNOWN THAT WHEREAS CANCER SURVIVORS INCLUDE ANYONE LIVING WITH A HISTORY OF CANCER AND THERE ARE NEARLY 9.6 MILLION SURVIVORS IN THE U.S. ALONE. WHEREAS ALMOST HALF OF ALL MEN AND MORE THAN ONE THIRD OF ALL WOMEN IN AMERICA ARE AT RISK OF DEVELOPING CANCER IN THEIR LIFETIMES, ALMOST 1,000 CASES OF CANCER ARE DIAGNOSED IN TRAVIS COUNTY EVERY YEAR. WHEREAS NATIONAL CANCER SURVIVORS DAY IS A CELEBRATION TO SHOW THAT LIFE AFTER CANCER CAN BE A REALITY -- A REALITY AND AUSTINITES WILL SOON HAVE A SPECIAL PLACE TO STAGE FESTIVITIES WHEN THE AUSTIN CANCER SURVIVORS PARK BECOMES A REALITY. THEREFORE I WILL WYNN, MAYOR AUSTIN, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM JUNE 4th, 2006 AS THE 19th ANNUAL NATIONAL CANCER SURVIVORS DAY AND CALL ON LEIBEL TO SAY A FEW WORDS ABOUT THE EVENT. [ APPLAUSE ]

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE HONORABLE MAYOR WILL WYNN, THE CITY COUNCIL. IT'S AN HONOR TO BE IN FRONT OF EACH OF YOU TODAY BECAUSE I LIKE TO USE THE WORD SURVIVOR. I HAPPENED TO GET THE BLACK BEAN, I WAS THE ONE WHO WAS GIVEN SIX MONTHS TO LIVE. THE LAST FOUR YEARS HAVE BEEN THE BEST SIX MONTHS MANUFACTURES OF MY LIFE. WHEN I WAS DIAGNOSED ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I DID, I DIDN'T BELIEVE WHAT THEY TOLD ME. I WENT IN THE BATHROOM, TOOK OFF ALL OF MY CLOTHES, LOOKED IN THE MIRROR, I LOOKED ALL OVER MYSELF, I DIDN'T HAVE AN EXPIRATION DATE. WELL, I GUESS ENOUGH OF THE JOKES, BUT I WANTED TO TELL EACH OF YOU FOLKS THE EXCITEMENT I HAVE AND THE REASON I'M HERE. EACH OF US ARE TOUCHED BY CANCER IT COULD BE YOUR PARENT, FATHER, GRANDPARENTS, CHILDREN. SOMEHOW EACH ONE OF OUR LIVES IS TOUCHED. WELL, MY GOAL WHEN I WAS DIAGNOSED, I FELT LIKE GOD DIDN'T DO IT TO PUNISH ME BUT TO HELP ME. AND TO HELP EVERYONE SURVIVE THIS DISEASE. WHAT I DID WAS I BECAME AN ADVOCATE. I

REPRESENT AUSTIN AND THE STATE OF TEXAS. I JUST GOT BACK FROM WASHINGTON LOBBYING FOR RESEARCH MONEY FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS AND FOR AUSTIN AS WELL AS I WILL BE AT THE SUMMIT THE NATIONAL SUMMIT THROUGH THE NIH REPRESENTING ALL PROSTATE CANCER AND CANCER SURVIVORS FOR THE UNITED STATES. WHAT I'M GOING TO DO FOR YOU GUYS AND ONE OF MY DREAMS IS WHEN I WAS DIAGNOSED TERMINAL, I HAVE AN EXCITING THING THAT I AM BRINGING TO AUSTIN, WHICH IS A DREAM OF MINE, IT'S IN THE PLANNING STAGES, BUT I JUST KIND OF WANT TO WET YOUR WHISTLE, MAKE YOU THINK ABOUT SOMETHING. WHILE I WAS TERMINAL I HAD A SPECIAL MENTOR AND I AM PRESENTLY WORKING WITH THE CITY OF AUSTIN, THE PARKS DEPARTMENT AS WELL AS CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND THE CITY IN BRINGING A CANCER SURVIVORS PARK TO AUSTIN. WHAT THIS PARK WILL BE WILL BE A PARK FOR ALL CANCER SURVIVORS AND THEIR FAMILIES. AND THE KEY THAT I WANT IS BRINGING HOPE. AND SHOWING EVERYONE IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE A DIAGNOSIS OF TERMINAL OR DEATH. THAT YOU CAN SURVIVE THIS DISEASE. I WANT IT TO BE A POSITIVE, GREAT EMOTION, BUT I WANT TO SHARE IT WITH THIS CITY. NOT FOR ME, IT'S FOR ALL OF US. I WOULD LIKE TO LEAVE THAT WITH YOU. ONE OF THE THINGS FOR NATIONAL CANCER SURVIVORS DAY THAT GO WITH THE PARK THAT I'M TALKING ABOUT IS THE SPECIAL THING TO ME IS MR. BLOCK WAS MY MENTOR AND HE INVENTED NATIONAL CANCER SURVIVORS DAY. HE HAD -- HE WAS THE LANCE ARMSTRONG OF THAT TIME PERIOD. HE HAD CANCER IN THREE SPOTS, DIAGNOSED TERMINAL, GIVEN A FEW WEEKS TO LIVE. NOT EVEN A FEW MONTHS, HE SURVIVED 20 YEARS WITH THIS DISEASE, HE RECENTLY DIED NOT WITH THE DISEASE. HE TAUGHT ME TO SURVIVE AND TEACH EVERYONE ELSE. WE EACH CAN HAVE SURVIVORS DAY HERE IN AUSTIN GOING ON WITH THE AUSTIN CANCER CENTER, THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY, EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO THAT. BUT WHAT WILL HAPPEN IS I'M GOING TO OPEN IT UP FOR THE WHOLE CITY WHEN WE HAVE A CELEBRATION IT WILL BE CITY-WIDE AND STATE-WIDE AND OUR NEW PARK. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK EACH OF YOU AGAIN FOR LISTENING TO ME AND BEING HERE AND YOUR SUPPORT. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

I'M JOINED FOR THIS CERTIFICATE OF CONGRATULATIONS FOR THE MCCALLUM HIGH SCHOOL ARC EXTRA. I AM GOING TO READ IT AND ASK MAURICE TO SAY A FEW WORDS ABOUT THE -- CHAMA, ABOUT THE SUCCESSES THAT THESE YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN HAVE HAD, AND HOW WE CAN -- WE CAN HELP THEM. SO THE -- SO THE CITY OF AUSTIN, OFFICIAL CERTIFICATE OF CONGRATULATIONS READS: ... HAS ATTRACTED TALENTED AND HIGHLY MOTIVATED STUDENTS FROM ALL AROUND THE CITY OF AUSTIN. THE ORCHESTRA REGULARLY PROMOTES THE FINE ARTS THROUGH ITS PERFORMANCE WITH THE MCCALLUM THEATER PROGRAM AND THE AUSTIN SYMPHONY. THEIR EXCELLENCE MERITED THIS INVITATION TO NEW YORK TO PERFORM ON JUNE 6th, 2006. THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED WITH OUR CONGRATULATIONS AND ON THIS HIGH HONOR AND WITH PRIDE THAT THEY ARE REPRESENTING OUR FAIR CITY. THE LIVE MUSIC CAPITAL OF THE WORLD COULDN'T BE MORE PROUD. THIS CERTIFICATE PRESENTED THIS 25th DAY OF MAY, 2006, SIGNED BY ME, MAYOR WYNN, ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE ENTIRE AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL, THIS OFFICIAL CITY OF AUSTIN CERTIFICATES OF CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MCCALLUM HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA. THANK YOU. >

THANK YOU MR. MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS FOR RECOGNIZING THE MCCALLUM HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA. I AM THE CONCERT MASTER FOR CHAMBER ORCHESTRA, I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE THE MEMBERS WITH ME TODAY, ON MY LEFT IS NICK, WHO PLAYS THE CELL ALTHOUGH. ABBEY THE VIOLA, NATIONAL TALE PLAYS THE CELLO, GONZOLO AND ZACH. OUR DIRECTLY, THIS IS OUR DIRECTOR MR. RICKY PRINGLE, I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK HIM ON BEHALF OF THE 100 MEMBERS FOR BEING SUCH A GREAT TEACHER AND HE MENTOR TO ALL OF THE STUDENTS, HE KEEPS US PLAYING AT OUR HIGHEST LEVELS. [ APPLAUSE ] AS YOU KNOW, CARNEGIE HALL IN NEW YORK CITY IS ONE OF THE MOST EXCITING SPACES IN THE WHOLE WORLD. THERE'S A PRODUCTION COMPANY THAT RESERVES THE HALL FOR SEVERAL NIGHTS A YEAR AND SEARCHES THE COUNTRY FOR THE TOP GROUPS TO PLAY. THEY FOUND MCCALLUM, WE PASSED A TAPED AUDITION AND WERE SELECTED TO

PERFORM ON JUNE 6th. WE LEAVE NEXT WEEK, THE EXPERIENCE SHOULD BE FANTASTIC. OUR OKAY TRA WORKS VERY HARD THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, NOT ONLY DO WE HAVE CLASS, WE ACCOMPANY THE DNS AND THEATER PROGRAMS FOR THEIR SHOWS, WE COMPETE IN UIL, MEMBERS OF THE ORCHESTRA PARTICIPATE IN REGION AND ALL STATE GROUPS. STUDENTS ALSO HAVE PLAYED AT THE AUSTIN SYMPHONY ON SPECIAL EVENINGS AND MANY GRADUATES, INCLUDING MYSELF, WILL BE GOING ON TO COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY MAJORING IN MUSIC. WHEN THE CITY OF AUSTIN PROMOTES ITSELF AT THE LIVE MUSIC CAPITAL OF THE WORLD, MANY PEOPLE THINK THAT THAT REFER GOES TO SONG WRITERS AND BANDS WHO PLAY IN CLUBS. WELL, WE STUDENTS ARE HERE TODAY TO LET EVERYONE KNOW THAT ORCHESTRA MUSICIANS ARE PROUD TO REPRESENT OUR CITY, TOO. MCCALLUM HIGH SCHOOL AND AUSTIN, TEXAS ARE GOING TO NEW YORK AND WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A GREAT TIME. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

[INDISCERNIBLE]

THE NEXT PROCLAMATION THE CITY MANAGER TOBY FUTRELL IS GOING TO JOIN ME, AS IS PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR SONDR A CRAYTON AND A NUMBER OF FINE EMPLOYEES FROM HER DEPARTMENT. REGARDING PUBLIC WORKS WEEK, AFTER THE PROCLAMATION I WILL ASK EITHER TOBY OR SONDR A TO SAY A FEW WORDS ABOUT WHAT IS A VERY, VERY IMPORTANT DEPARTMENT IN OUR CITY. THEY HANDLE SO MANY ASPECTS OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS AT CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION NEEDS AND -- AND WE SEE THEM OUT IN THE STREETS LITERALLY AND ACROSS TOWN ON A DAILY BASIS HELPING US DELIVER THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND THE PROJECTS AND PROPERTIES THIS CITY NEEDS. THE PROCLAMATION READS: BE IT KNOWN WHEREAS THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, THE AUSTIN WATER UTILITY, AUSTIN ENERGY AND THE DEPARTMENTS OF PARKS AND RECREATION, SOLID WASTE SERVICES AND WATERSHED PROTECTION AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW PROVIDE INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS PUBLIC WORKS. WHEREAS WE RECOGNIZE THE OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE EMPLOYEES OF THESE DEPARTMENTS TOWARDS MAINTAINING AND

ENHANCING THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY. NOW THEREFORE I WILL WYNN MAYOR OF AUSTIN DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF MAY 21st THROUGH 27th AS PUBLIC WORKS WEEK IN AUSTIN, CALL ON SONDR A CREIGHTON TO SAY A FEW WORDS ON WHAT IS A CHALLENGING SERIES MUCH DEPARTMENT NEEDS. WE COULDN'T BE MORE PROUD. PLEASE JOIN ME IN THANKING AND WELCOMING SONDR A CREIGHTON.

THANK YOU MAYOR AND CITY MANAGER. IT'S REALLY QUITE AN HONOR TO BE ABLE TO ACCEPT THIS PROCLAMATION ON BEHALF OF THE PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS WHO ALSO BE ENGAGED IN PUBLIC WORKS TYPE ACTIVITIES. I COULDN'T GET ALL 537 EMPLOYEES HERE TODAY, BUT I DO HAVE A REPRESENTATION CROSS-SECTION HERE THAT SHOWS YOU THE FACE OF PUBLIC WORKS. THESE ARE THE EMPLOYEES WHO EVERY DAY ARE OUT FIXING OUR POTHOLES, FIXING OUR ROADS, AND INSTALLING STREET SIGNS, TAKING CARE OF THE MARKINGS ON THE ROADS. MAKING SURE THAT OUR CHILDREN ARE SAFE AS THEY ARE CROSSING THE ROAD TO SCHOOL. AND THEY ARE ALSO THE ONES WHO ARE INVOLVED IN DESIGNING AND MANAGING AND INSPECTING MANY OF THE C.I.P. PROJECT, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT THAT'S WE DO. WE DO OVER -- ANY GIVEN YEAR HAVE ABOUT \$500 MILLION WORTH OF CONSTRUCTION IMPROVEMENTS UNDERWAY. AS THE MAYOR MENTIONED, THERE ARE ALSO A LOT OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED IN THESE ACTIVITIES AND AUSTIN ENERGY OF COURSE RECENTLY WAS KEY IN GETTING THE ELECTRIC FACILITIES BACK UP AND RUNNING. SOLID WASTE SERVICES IS STILL OUT COLLECTING DEBRIS FROM THE RECENT STORM AND MANY OF THESE PEOPLE WORKED THROUGH THE NIGHT AND ON THE WEEKENDS TO PROVIDE THIS SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF AUSTIN. THE WATERSHED PROTECTION DEVELOPMENT REVIEW DEPARTMENT AND THE AUSTIN WATER UTILITY AS WELL AS THE PARKS DEPARTMENT ARE ALL OUT THERE MAKING SURE THAT THIS CITY IS SAFE AND WE HAVE GOOD FACILITIES. THE WORK ISN'T GLAMOROUS, BUT AS WE NOTICE DURING THE RECENT OUTAGES, IF SOMETHING IS NOT WORKING, EVERYBODY NOTICES. THESE EMPLOYEES CONTRIBUTE TO THE HIGH QUALITY OF LIFE THAT WE HAVE

HERE IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN. THEY ARE THE ONES OUT PICKING UP YOUR TRASH, MAKING SURE THAT YOUR ELECTRICITY IS RELIABLE, WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICES RELIABLE AND THE POTHOLES DO GET FIXED. SO TODAY WE ARE JUST HERE TO APPRECIATE ALL OF THEM. I CAN'T SAY ENOUGH GOOD THINGS ABOUT THOSE IN PUBLIC WORKS. THEY ARE INCREDIBLY DEDICATED. THEY WILL COME AND DO ANYTHING AT THE DROP OF A HAT. THEY ARE ALWAYS THERE TO SERVE THE CITIZENS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [ APPLAUSE ]

FOR OUR NEXT PROCLAMATION, ACTUALLY CERTIFICATES OF CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF OUR TURN AROUND DON'T DROWN POSTER CONTEST. BEFORE I ACTUALLY READ THE NAMES AND THESE AWARDS, I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE GEORGE OSWALD WHO WILL TALK ABOUT THE PROGRAM. BY THE WAY I THOUGHT THE LOCAL MEDIA DID A FANTASTIC JOB OF HIGHLIGHTING THE SERIES OF EVENTS AND DOING A HISTORY FRANKLY OF SOME TRAGIC FLOODS THAT WE'VE HAD HERE IN AUSTIN, JUST IN THE LAST GENERATION OR SO, NOW HOW THROUGH PROGRAMS LIKE THIS WE CAN HELP PROTECT LIVES. SO GEORGE?

GEORGE OSWALD WATERSHED PROTECTION AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW. I'M JOINED HERE TODAY WITH MARK LYNCH WITH THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE, AND STEVE COLLIER WITH OUR OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT. EACH YEAR WE CONDUCT A FLOOD SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK BASICALLY A PUBLIC INFORMATION CAMPAIGN TO REMIND THE PUBLIC OF WHAT CAN HAPPEN DURING SEVERE STORM EVENTS, WHAT THEY CAN DO TO MINIMIZE THE RISK. THIS YEAR IS THE 25th ANNIVERSARY OF THE MEMORIAL DAY 1981 FLOOD. SO WE WANTED TO DO SOMETHING SPECIAL. WE HAD A -- A PROGRAM LAST SATURDAY AT RED BUD ISLE, WE GOT SOME OF THE SURVIVORS OF THAT FLOOD TO TELL THEIR STORY, A DEMONSTRATION OF SWIFT WATER RESCUE TECHNIQUES BY OUR FIRE AND POLICE. AS PART OF THE PROGRAM WE DECIDED THIS YEAR TO -- TO HAVE A POSTER CONTEST FOR TURN AROUND DON'T DROWN CAMPAIGN. ALMOST HALF OF FLASH FLOOD RELATED FATALITIES OCCUR AT FLOODED ROADWAYS. SO WE ARE TRYING TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT THOSE HAZARDS AND WHAT

THEY CAN DO TO MINIMIZE THAT RISK. HAD HE A POSTER CONTEST, THREE DIFFERENT AGE CATEGORY, OVER 140-DEGREES, THE -- OVER 140 140 ENTRIES, THE JUDGING DONE BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE CITY, AMERICAN-STATESMAN AND THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE, I'M GOING TO TURN IT OVER TO THE MAYOR HERE TO MAKE THE PRESENTATION OF THE CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION. THANK YOU, MAYOR.

THANK YOU, GEORGE, THREE WINNERS HERE, WE HAD KIDS YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN FROM AGES 6 TO 13. WHO PARTICIPATED IN -- THESE ARE OUR THREE WINNERS, THREE DIFFERENT CATEGORIES, WHAT I WILL DO IS READ THE CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION, WE HAVE INSERTED THREE NAMES AND THE APPROPRIATE AGE CATEGORIES FOR THE WINNERS, WE WILL PRESENT THESE OF COURSE IF YOU WILL JOIN ME IN CONGRATULATING THEM. OFFICIAL CITY OF AUSTIN CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION. IT READS, FOR HELPING TO MAKE AUSTIN A SAFER AND STRONGER COMMUNITY AND FOR EDUCATING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES ABOUT THE DANGERS OF FLASH FLOODS, CK AIELLO IN AGES SIX THROUGH EIGHT, MIKEMICHAEL MENDOZA AND ANA ARE DESERVING OF PUBLIC ACCLAIM AND RECOGNITION. WE ARE PLEASED TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR THE POSTER BEING CHOSEN AS THE WINNER IN THESE CATEGORIES FOR THE FLOOD SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK TURN AROUND DON'T DROWN POSTER CONTEST. BECAUSE AUSTIN IS IN THE MIDDLE OF FLASH FLOOD ALLEY WHERE FLOODING CAN OCCUR IN MINUTES WITH LITTLE OR NO WARNING, BECAUSE IT TAKES ONLY SIX INCHES OF FAST FLOWING WATER TO SWEEP SOMEONE OFF THEIR FEET, THESE POSTERS WILL HELP REMIND CITIZENS TO TURN AROUND AND DON'T DROWN. THE CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED WITH OUR THANKS FOR HELP IN MAKING AUSTIN A SAFER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK, PRESENTED THIS 25th DAY OF MAY, THE YEAR 2006 SIGNED BY ME, MAYOR WYNN, ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE ENTIRE AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL. OUR FIRST CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO CK, AGES SIX THROUGH EIGHT CATEGORY. [ APPLAUSE ] MICHAEL MENDOZA, THE NINE TO 11 CATEGORY. [ APPLAUSE ] AND ANA VAUGHT AGES 12 TO 13. [ APPLAUSE ] PLEASE JOIN ME IN CONGRATULATING THESE FINE YOUNG MEN AND

WOMEN HELPING TO MAKE AUSTIN AS SAFE AS OUR PUBLIC SAFETY PROFESSIONALS DO. GOOD THE ACTUAL POSTERS. OH, MY GOSH. OKAY. SO HERE IS KC'S POST HE. AGE 7. HERE IS HIS FRAMED POSTER. ALL SORTS OF LOOT HERE, HANG ON. OKAY. HERE IS MICHAEL MENDOSA'S POST HE. MICHAEL IS NINE YEARS OLD. AND HERE'S ANA'S POSTER. [ APPLAUSE ] WE MIGHT NEED PARENTS TO COME UP HERE AND HELP THEM WITH THE LOOT. ONE MORE TIME FOLKS, KC, MICHAEL, ANA. [ APPLAUSE ] OKAY. THIS IS A TRANSITION INTO ONE OF OUR TWO SIGNIFICANT DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS WE ARE PRESENTING THIS WEEK. STEVE COLLIER HAS BEEN RUNNING OUR OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DURING WHAT TRULY HAS BEEN AT LEAST A SINGLE DISASTROUS YEAR AND IN -- SEVERAL IN THE PAST. THE -- THE EVENTS OF THE WEATHER HAVE BEEN DISASTROUS, BUT I PROMISE YOU THE PROFESSIONAL RESPONSE BY THESE FIRST RESPONDERS AND THE COORDINATED OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT HAS BEEN STELLAR. I HAVE EXPERIENCED AND WITNESSED MUCH OF IT. SO I WILL READ THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD AND ASK TOBY FUTRELL TO SAY A FEW WORDS BEFORE WE HEAR FROM STEVE AND/OR RUDY. THE CERTIFICATE OF -- THE CITY OF AUSTIN DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD READS: FOR 17 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE WITH THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DURING WHICH TIME HE DEMONSTRATED COMMITMENT, DEDICATION AND EXCELLENCE IN THE SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY, STEVE COLLIER IS DESERVING OF PUBLIC ACCLAIM AND RECOGNITION. STEVE HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN THE CITY'S EMERGENCY PLANNING, HOMELAND SECURITY AND INTERAGENCY DISASTER READINESS EFFORTS. HE HAS GIVEN HIS TIME AND EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE TO A HOST OF ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES DEDICATED TO SAFEGUARDING THE PUBLIC. THROUGHOUT HIS TENURE WITH THE CITY OF AUSTIN, STEVE HAS DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF AS A COMMUNITY LEADER OF ABILITY AND INTEGRITY. WE THANK HIM FOR HIS MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITIZENS OF AUSTIN DURING HIS TENURE, HE WILL BE TRULY MISSED. THE CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED WITH APPRECIATION FOR HIS FINE CAREER, THIS 25th DAY OF MAY, 2006, AGAIN SIGNED BY ME, ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE ENTIRE AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF AUSTIN

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD STEVE COLLIER. [ APPLAUSE ]

YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT THE FOLKS THAT STAY ON THE FRONT LINES, STEVE HAS DONE IT WITH EXTRAORDINARY INTEGRITY, HE'S BUILT A NETWORK OF COLLABORATION AND COOPERATION, HE'S BEEN ON THE SCENE WITH US FROM Y 2 K, 9/11, KATRINA, RITA, THROUGH THE BUILDING OF OUR COMBINED EMERGENCY CENTER, BLENDING REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE FIRST TIME IN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT. BEHIND THE SCENES, MAKING AUSTIN RANKED AFTER 9/11 THE SECOND BEST PREPARED CITY IN THE COUNTRY AND WE OWE IT TO PEOPLE LIKE STEVE COLLIER, HE'S GOING TO BE VERY, VERY HARD TO REPLACE AND ALL MY APPRECIATION YOU COULDN'T HAVE DONE A BETTER JOB FOR US AND A VERY, VERY TOUGH ENVIRONMENT. CAME SAY A FEW WORDS. [ APPLAUSE ]

TOBY, I REALLY APPRECIATE THOSE WORDS. ALSO I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MAYOR WYNN FOR THE PROCLAMATION. I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A COUPLE OF KEY POINTS. FIRST I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AND TOBY AND RUDY FOR THEIR SUPPORT. OVER AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME AND TWO SIGNIFICANT WAYS. IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THE THINGS THAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ACHIEVE, YOU HAVE TO HAVE A STAFF OF ENOUGH PEOPLE TO ACTUALLY GET THAT WORK DONE. I HAVE BEEN FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO HAVE A REALLY PROFESSIONAL STAFF, A COUPLE OF WHICH ARE HERE RIGHT NOW. BUT WE HAVE A RELATIVELY SMALL STAFF, IT'S FIVE PEOPLE, LARGER THAN OTHER COMMUNITIES OUR SIZE DEAL WITH. THAT'S AN IMPORTANT WAY OF SUPPORTING US JUST HAVING ENOUGH RESOURCES. SECOND WE'VE HAD A -- WE'VE HAD A REALLY OUTSTANDING FACILITY AT C TECH IN OUR EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER, STILL ONE OF THE MOST OUTSTANDING STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITIES ANYWHERE IN THE UNITED STATES. THOSE TWO THINGS HAVE BEEN VERY IMPORTANT TOOLS IN ENABLING US TO DO THE PROGRAM THAT WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON FOR THIS MANY YEARS. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT -- HAS BEEN CLEAR TO ME, LARGE SCALE DISASTERS ARE NOT MANAGED BY INDIVIDUAL AGENCIES OR INDIVIDUAL POLITICAL JURISDICTIONS REALLY MANAGED BY COMMUNITIES AS A

WHOLE. THERE ARE LITERALLY DOZENS OF ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE TO COME TOGETHER TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THE SEAMLESS SERVICES THAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PROVIDE. THIS IS EVERYTHING FROM THE PROFESSIONALS IN OUR PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES, SOME OF WHICH ARE IN THE BACK OF THE ROOM, POLICE DEPARTMENT, FIRE DEPARTMENT, E.M.S., PUBLIC HEALTH IS A NEW PLAYER RELATIVELY SPEAKING ON THE FRONT WITH BIOTERRORISM. THERE'S JUST A HUGE ARRAY OF AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE TO COME TOGETHER AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT'S REALLY MADE THIS JOB SATISFYING FOR ME IS WORKING WITH THOSE PROFESSIONALS WHO ARE COMMITTED TO THEIR COMMUNITY OVER A LONG PERIOD OF TIME. SO MY HAT IS OFF TO YOU. IT HAS REALLY BEEN A JOY TO WORK WITH THOSE FOLKS. WE HAVE A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF WORK TO BE DOING HERE, THE -- THE JOB THAT WE HAVE BEEN FACED WITH AFTER SEPTEMBER 11TH HAS REALLY BEEN OVERWHELMING IN SOME WAYS, THE HURRICANES THAT WE HAD LAST YEAR PUT A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF PRESSURE ON THIS COMMUNITY. WE ARE TRYING TO GET READY FOR THE NEXT ROUND OF HURRICANES. ONE OF THE MOST OMINOUS THINGS ON THE HORIZON IS PANDEMIC FLU THAT STILL REPRESENTS A SIGNIFICANT THREAT FOR US. THERE'S A LOT OF WORK TO BE DONE, BUT I HAVE A LOT OF CONFIDENCE IN OTIS SLATTEN, WE ARE REPLACING ENTIRELY THE NEW TEAM IN THE NEXT YEAR OR SO, THERE'S A WHOLE NEW GROUP OF PLAYERS, I HAVE A LOT OF CONFIDENCE IN THEIR ABILITY TO CARRY ON WITH THE WORK. WE ARE GOING TO BE LEAVING AUSTIN AND THAT IS GOING TO BE VERY DIFFICULT FOR TO US DO. WE HAVE RAISED OUR FAMILY HERE, THIS IS THE ONLY COMMUNITY THAT OUR KIDS REALLY REMEMBER. WE WILL ALWAYS CONSIDER AUSTIN TO BE OUR HOMETOWN AND WE WILL MISS IT. BUT WE WILL BE BACK. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

I WOULD LIKE TO ASK ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER RUDY GARZA TO SAY A FEW WORDS.

I WOULD LIKE TO ADD A COUPLE OF THINGS TO THE CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS. ONE OF THE MOST IMPRESSIVE THINGS ABOUT STEVE IS HIS PLANNING AND TEXAS ATTENTION TO DETAIL. WHEN YOU ARE DEALING WITH A BIG,

BIG EVENTS OR EVEN A SMALL EVENT, PUBLIC SAFETY FOLKS ARE ON SCENE, RESPONDING, BUT WE DO NEED THE LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT SKILLS THAT STEVE HAS PROVIDED. HE'S BEEN A KEY PLAYER, A KEY PARTNER. IN FACT IF YOU KEPT UP WITH THE NEWS TODAY, AS OF -- AS A GOING AWAY GIFT, WE STAGED A CHLORINE LEAK JUST FOR STEVE. HE WAS ON IT. ON MY WAY IN THIS MORNING HE CALLED, WE ACTIVATED EOC, HE HAD TO GO HOME, SHOWER AND CHANGE BECAUSE HE WAS AT THE EOC MANAGING THAT INCIDENTS FOR US. WE ARE GOING TO MISS HIM VERY MUCH, DEFINITELY APPRECIATE HIM, WISH HE AND HIS FAMILY THE VERY BEST. OUR TRADITIONAL STEVE COLLIER SKY WAY PRESENTATION. [ APPLAUSE ]

THANK YOU.

Futrell: STEVE ONE LAST THING, OUR ACE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD, STEVE COLLIER, 1989 TO 2006 OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR, YOUR PASSION FOR PUBLIC SERVICE NOT ONLY MADE A DIFFERENCE BUT PROVIDES A BENCHMARK FOR HELPING MAKE AUSTIN THE MOST LIVABLE CITY IN THE COUNTRY. ALL OF OUR GRATITUDE, STEVE, THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

Mayor Wynn: STEVE LED US INTO A GOOD TRANSITION WHEN HE TALKED ABOUT HOW SEEMINGLY OVERNIGHT WE ARE REPLACING OUR ENTIRE LEADERSHIP WITH OUR PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT, OUR EMERGENCY FIRST RESPONDERS, LAST AND LEAST OF COURSE IS POLICE CHIEF STAN KNEE. SO JUST AGAIN WE HAVE JUST IN THE LAST COUPLE OF MONTHS WE HAVE A NEW FIRE CHIEF, WE NOW ARE SAYING GOODBYE TO OUR DIRECTOR OF OEM, STAN JUST A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO ANNOUNCED HIS NEXT GIG IN AFGHANISTAN, A VERY CHALLENGING BUT EXCITING NEXT STEP FOR STAN. AND EARLIER IN THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING WE ACKNOWLEDGED AND ENDORSED THE CITY MANAGER'S CHOICE OF KATHY ELLISON AS THE ACTING POLICE CHIEF. SO IT'S BEEN JUST PRETTY DRAMATIC SORT OF LEADERSHIP TEAM CHANGE SEEMINGLY, BUT WHAT GIVES SORT OF ME ENCOURAGEMENT AS MAYOR AND I BELIEVE MY COLLEAGUES FEEL THE SAME WAY IS THAT THE TEAMS THAT ARE IN PLACE, THE STRUCTURES THAT ARE IN PLACE IN ALL OF THESE DEPARTMENTS IS STELLAR. THE

MEN AND WOMEN THAT MAKE UP THESE DEPARTMENTS DO A REMARKABLE JOB FOR US AS CITIZENS. DAY IN AND DAY OUT. SO IT MAKES IT A LITTLE EASIER FRANKLY TO SAY GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK TO -- TO FRIENDS AS THEY LEAVE AND MOVE ON. SO WE WILL -- AGAIN WE WILL START WITH -- I WILL READ THE TELEVISED SERVICE AWARD TO -- DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD TO STAN, THEN WE WILL HAVE TOBY SAY A FEW WORDS, RUDE DAY HAS A FEW MORE GIFTS FOR STAN AS WELL. CITY OF AUSTIN DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD FOR HIS DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT TO MAKING AUSTIN ONE OF THE SAFEST CITIES IN AMERICA DURING MORE THAN 8 YEARS AS CHIEF OF THE AUSTIN POLICE DEPARTMENT, STANLEY KNEE IS STEFERBING OF PUBLIC -- DESERVING OF PUBLIC ACCLAIM AND HEARTFELT RECOGNITION. CHIEF KNEE EPITOMIZES THE VALUE OF THE AUSTIN POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PROTECT AND SERVE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR CITY'S DIVERSE COMMUNITY. BOTH A CRIME FIGHTER AND A COMMUNITY LEADER BRINGING TO THE JOB AN UNSURPASSED SENSE OF MISSION AND PASSION. THROUGH HIS LEADERSHIP AND VALUES, HE HAS ESTABLISHED THE BEST POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THE COUNTRY AND HAS HELPED AUSTIN RANK CONSISTENTLY AMONG THE TOP FIVE SAFEST CITIES IN THE NATION. THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED WITH OUR ADMIRATION AND APPRECIATION FOR HIS PUBLIC SERVICE, THIS 25th DAY OF MAY, THE YEAR 2006, AGAIN SIGNED BY ME, MAYOR WYNN, BUT ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE ENTIRE AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL, THE CITY OF AUSTIN DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD TO STAN KNEE. [ APPLAUSE ]

Futrell: YOU KNOW WE'VE GONE THROUGH A COUPLE OF THESE OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF DAYS, I CAN SEE IT'S BEGINNING TO TAKE ITS TOLL ON YOU, CHIEF. STAN HAS SERVED THIS COMMUNITY FOR NINE YEARS, THIS IS IT'S TOUGH TO BE A POLICE CHIEF IN A MAJOR URBAN CITY FOR NINE YEARS. THAT ACTUALLY I WAS TELLING HIM THIS THE OTHER UNITED, I THINK THAT TIES THE RECORD FOR THE LONGEST CITY MANAGER TENURE IN A MAJOR URBAN CITY. IT'S SLIPPERY POLITICAL DECK, IT IS A VERY DIFFICULT JOB, AND THIS MAN HAS SERVED THIS COMMUNITY WITH SUCH INTEGRITY AND COURAGE AND VISION AND PASSION AND I CAN TELL YOU FROM 30 YEARS IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND

PUBLIC SERVICE, HE'S THE BEST THAT I HAVE SEEN. HE'S GOING TO BE VERY, VERY DIFFICULT TO REPLACE, FOR THIS COMMUNITY. BUT IT'S VERY TYPICAL I THINK OF STAN THAT HE WOULD CHOOSE AFGHANISTAN. THAT HE WOULD RECOGNIZE THAT THE ONLY CHANCE THOSE COUNTRIES HAVE FOR PEACE IS A PROFESSIONAL, LAW ENFORCEMENT ENTITY NON-MILITARY LAW ENFORCEMENT ENTITY THAT'S GOING TO SERVE WITH INTEGRITY AND PASSION IN THOSE COUNTRIES. HE'S SETTING ABOUT HELPING TO PUT THAT IN PLACE THERE. I CAN'T THINK OF ANYONE TO DO A BETTER JOB THAN THAT. THAN STAN KNEE. STAN I WOULD LIKE TO GO ON AND GIVE YOU YOUR ACE AWARD HERE. ONCE AGAIN, DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD FOR AUSTIN CITY EMPLOYEE STANLEY KNEE, 1997 THROUGH 2006, AUSTIN POLICE DEPARTMENT CHIEF, YOUR PASSION FOR PUBLIC SERVICE NOT ONLY MADE A DIFFERENCE BUT PROVIDES A BENCHMARK FOR HELPING MAKE AUSTIN THE MOST LIVABLE CITY IN THE COUNTRY. UNFORGETTABLE, IRREPLACEABLE, STAN KNEE. [ APPLAUSE ]

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU YOU ALL VERY MUCH. I WOULD LIKE TO START OFF BY THANKING MY WIFE SANDRA SEATED IN THE LAST ROW THERE. [ APPLAUSE ] ALMOST NINE YEARS AGO I WENT UP TO OUR ROOM IN THE OMNI HOTEL AND TOLD HER HONEY I THINK THEY ARE GOING TO OFFER ME THE JOB HERE. AND SHE SAID YOU ARE GOING TO TAKE ME AWAY FROM ALL OF OUR GRANDKIDS? I SAYS I THINK SO. AND SO SHE JOINED ME ON THIS ADVENTURE BECAUSE SHE KNEW HOW IMPORTANT IT WAS TO ME TO BE HERE IN AUSTIN AS CHIEF OF POLICE. AND NOW SHE'S JOINING ME IN MY NEW CAREER IN AFGHANISTAN. TRAINING THE AFGHANISTAN NATIONAL POLICE. SO OUR SOLDIERS CAN COME BACK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. AND THEY CAN TAKE OVER CONTROL OF THEIR COUNTRY AND MAINTAIN PEACE AND ORDER. A POLICE DEPARTMENT IS NOT ONE INDIVIDUAL. IT IS A GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ALL FOCUSED ON ONE SINGLE PURPOSE AND THAT PURPOSE IS TO MAKE ALL OF US SAFE. AND THE AUSTIN POLICE DEPARTMENT IS THE BEST AT IT THAT I HAVE EVER SEEN AND I HAVE SPENT OVER 37 YEARS IN THIS BUSINESS. I'M DEEPLY SADDENED I ABOUT BY THE FACT THAT I AM LEAVING, BUT I BELIEVE IT WAS A GOOD CHOICE. I THINK

THAT IT'S A GOOD CHOICE BECAUSE KATHY ELLISON  
STANDING IN THE BACK THERE IS GOING TO STEP INTO MY  
SHOES AND GOING TO BE SITTING BEHIND MY DESK AND  
TOMORROW MORNING WHEN I MEET WITH HER TO GO OVER  
THE FINAL DETAILS, I WILL BE TAKING MY BADGE THAT I  
HAVE TODAY AND THE STARS ON MY COLLAR AND PASSING  
THEM ON TO HER. I GUARANTEE THAT SHE WILL NOT MISS A  
BEAT IN MOVING THIS DEPARTMENT FORWARD KEEPING IT  
FOCUSED ON MAKING AUSTIN SAFE. WE CALL AUSTIN HOME  
BECAUSE IT IS A COMMUNITY. IT DOESN'T MATTER THAT IT'S  
ALMOST A MILLION PEOPLE NOW. IT IS A COMMUNITY. I HAVE  
BEEN PROUD OF MY TIME HERE IN THE CITY. DURING THE  
LAST RAINSTORM IT WAS POURING RAIN, WE WERE COMING  
BACK FROM SMITHVILLE, AND ALL OF A SUDDEN UP AHEAD I  
SAW A UNIT WITH LIGHTS FLASHING AND TRUCKS FROM THE  
CITY THERE. IN A RAINSTORM AT THAT TIME WHERE YOU  
COULD SEE HARDLY 50 FEET AHEAD OF YOU, POURING RAIN,  
THERE WERE CITY EMPLOYEES, POLICE, PUBLIC WORKS  
PERHAPS, PARKS AND REC, OUT THERE PUSHING THIS HUGE  
TREE LIMB OUT OF THE ROADWAY ON THE SIDE AND AS I  
APPROACHED THEM, THEY HAD FINISHED THEIR TASK, I SAW  
THE POLICE OFFICER THROW OUT A COUPLE OF -- OF  
ORANGE CONES, THEY JUMPED IN THEIR VEHICLES AND  
WENT TO THE NEXT TREE. THAT WAS IN THE ROADWAY. AND  
IN A POURING RAIN WITH WIND AND HAIL. YOU KNOW,  
THERE'S MANY CITIES THAT DREAM OF SERVICE LIKE THAT.  
IN AUSTIN WE HAVE IT. I'M VERY THANKFUL THAT I HAVE  
BEEN HERE IN CHARGE OF YOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT. I  
WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT WE ALLCALL AUSTIN OUR HOME.  
WHEN I COME BACK IN A YEAR'S TIME WE WILL REMAIN IN  
AUSTIN. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. [ APPLAUSE ]

OIL JUST LIKE TO ADD A COUPLE OF THINGS. I WOULD JUST  
LIKE TO ADD A COUPLE OF THINGS. THE MOST IMPRESSIVE  
THING ABOUT CHIEF KNEE FROM THE VERY FIRST TIME THAT  
I MET HIM UP UNTIL 10 MINUTES AGO AS WE WERE TALKING,  
THE PROCLAMATION READ IT, HIS SENSE OF MISSION IS  
BEYOND ANYBODY. HE TRULY IS A CRIME FIGHTER. BUT IT  
WAS SO IMPRESSIVE TO ME EVERY TIME WE TALKED HE  
REMINDED ME RUDY MY JOB HERE IS TO KEEP YOUR  
CITIZENS SAFE, I'M GOING TO DO WHATEVER IT TAKES. HE  
REALLY MEANS THAT FROM THE BOTTOM OF HIS HEART,

EVERYTHING THAT HE STANDS FOR. IT'S BEEN MY PLEASURE TO WORK WITH YOU, CHIEF, I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN 12 MONTHS.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH, RUDY.

I THINK THAT I CAN GET IT ALL.

Futrell: I BET YOU DIDN'T KNOW YOUR CHIEF WAS A HUGGER LIKE THIS. [LAUGHTER]

Mayor Wynn: OKAY, SO WE WILL RESUME THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AFTER A VERY SHORT BREAK. THANK YOU. FOLKS WHO SIGNED UP LAST WEEK DIDN'T SPEAK BECAUSE OF THE LATENESS OF THE HOUR, NEW FOLKS SIGNED UP THIS WEEK, GOING TO TRY TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO CALL ON BOTH GROUPS OF FOLKS, BUT THE SYSTEM WON'T ALLOW ME TO TAKE THEM SEQUENTIALLY OTHER THAN FOLKS WHO SIGNED UP TONIGHT. WITHOUT OBJECTION, COUNCIL, WE WILL START TAKING OUR CITIZENS -- COMMENTS. WE HAD A PRESENTATION LAST WEEK BY STAFF, I DON'T THINK WE NEED ANOTHER ONE FRANKLY, WE WILL GET AS MUCH --

Futrell: I WILL BE GLAD TO DO ONE, MAYOR.

Mayor Wynn: THAT'S OKAY. I PLAN TO STAY HERE AS LONG AS FOLKS WANT TO TESTIFY, WE APPRECIATE THE INPUT AND WE DO RECOGNIZE THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF PUBLIC INPUT OVER THE LAST 13 ANOTHER 15 MONTH -- 13 OR 15 MONTHS, WE TAKE IT ALL VERY SERIOUSLY AS WE WILL WITH TONIGHT'S. SO -- WITH THE HELP OF A COMPUTER HERE, I GUESS WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO -- TO ASK TRY TO -- YOU KNOW BE FAIR ABOUT THIS, I WILL START CALLING UP FOLKS AS THEY HAVE SIGNED UP ON OUR SYSTEM, WHICH I THINK IS JUST THE FOLKS WHO SIGNED UP FOR TONIGHT'S PUBLIC HEARING. AND TO THE EXTENT THAT FOLKS HAD SIGNED UP LAST WEEK AND EITHER -- AND DIDN'T SIGN UP AGAIN THIS WEEK, DIDN'T SPEAK LAST WEEK, PERHAPS IF YOU SORT OF STOOD UP AND WHEN THERE IS A BREAK IN THE ACTION YOU ARE WELCOME TO APPROACH THE PODIUM SIMPLY INTRODUCE YOURSELF, YOUR NAME INTO THE RECORD, I WILL GO DOWN AND CHECK YOU OFF THE LIST FROM LAST WEEK, WE WILL GET AS -- AS MUCH INPUT AS WE

CAN. SO -- WITHOUT FURTHER ADO, I SEE STAFF GETTING NERVOUS ABOUT MY SYSTEM HERE. OUR FIRST SPEAKER TONIGHT SIGNED UP IS ANGEL CASADA SORRY IF I'M MISPRONOUNCING THAT. ANGEL, WELCOME. COME FORWARD, YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES, FOLLOWED BY CARLOS MARTINEZ, WHO WILL BE FOLLOWED BY ANABELL -- AS YOU HEAR YOUR NAME CALLED FORWARD, YOU ARE WELCOME TO APPROACH EITHER PODIUM SO WE CAN HAVE A LITTLE MORE EFFICIENCY WAS OUR TIME. ANGEL WELCOME, THREE MINUTES.

THANK YOU, MR. WIN. MAYOR WYNN. IN REGARD TO THE LAST HEARING, WE -- FELT KIND OF COMPASSIONATE TOWARDS ALL OF THE -- ALL THAT YOU HAD TO HEAR, WE THOUGHT WE WOULD PRESENT YOU WITH SOMETHING MORE FUN THAT STILL GETS THE POINT ACROSS. IN THE SPIRIT OF CONJUNTO MUSIC, WE WOULD LIKE TO PLAY SOMETHING THAT WE WROTE ESPECIALLY FOR Y'ALL. LAST WEEK. SO -- HERE WE GO. [ (music) MUSIC PLAYING (music)(music) ]

HELLO COUNCILMEMBERS, HOW WE NEED A NEW BUILDING VERY MUCH TODAY. AMOA AND THE BLANTON [INDISCERNIBLE] BRAND NEW STATUES TO KEEP OUT THE RAIN. GIVE ME A HOME.

GIVE ME A HOME.

GIVE ME A NEW HOME. GIVE ME A HOME.

GIVE ME A HOME. [ (music) MUSIC PLAYING (music)(music) ]  
SORRY FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO DON'T SPEAK SPANISH.

GRACIAS. SECOND VERSE.

[SPEAKING IN SPANISH] WE NEED A HOME TO KEEP OUT THE RAIN. GIVE ME A HOME SO I CAN PUT UP MY DIEGOS. GIVE ME A HOME SO I CAN PUT UP MY FRIEDA'S. GIVE ME A HOME.  
[ APPLAUSE ]

THANK YOU.

THANKS.

GOING TO BE A HARD ACT TO FOLLOW. SETTING THE BAR PRETTY HIGH. CARLOS MARTINEZ, WELCOME FOLLOWED BY ANABELL ORTIEGA.

THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBERS THAT IS QUITE A -- QUITE AN ACT TO FOLLOW. I GUARANTEE THAT IT'S GOING TO BE A -- VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE FOR THE COMMUNITY WHEN WE TALK ABOUT ART AND I WANT TO INTRODUCE MYSELF FIRST, I'M CARLOS MARTINEZ, A BROKER HERE IN AUSTIN, TEXAS. I HAVE BEEN HERE 15 YEARS. I HAVE THREE CHILDREN AND I'M FROM EL PASO, TEXAS. BORDER CITY AS YOU KNOW THAT REALLY FINDS A REALLY DIFFICULT TIME TO MAKE A LIVING IN A WAY OF -- TO CREATE A CULTURE, YET WE HAVE A MUSEUM IN EL PASO, THAT'S ONE OF THE REASONS THAT I AM HERE TODAY. AS A CHILD BEING ABLE TO VISIT THOSE MUSEUMS GAVE ME THE INSPIRATION TO -- TO SIT ON THE BOARD OF MEXIC-ARTE. I HAVE BEEN ON THE BOARD FOR SEVERAL YEARS AND -- AND I'VE HAD MANY GOOD EXPERIENCES CULTURALLY TO -- TO -- TO SHARE WITH MY CHILDREN ABOUT -- ABOUT THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MEXICO AND THE UNITED STATES. AND THEIR CULTURAL CHANGES AS THEY HAVE -- THEY HAVE COME INTO -- INTO AMERICAN CULTURE. THE BOARD IS REALLY WANTING TO SEE THE BOND SUPPORT THE PROJECT. THAT PROVIDES THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE IMPROVEMENTS TO -- TO LIFE. MEXIC-ARTE AS A MUSEUM DOES THIS. THE MUSEUM ADDS QUALITY TO THE CITY AS ALL MUSEUMS DO TO -- TO CITIES AROUND THE COUNTRY. PEOPLE WANT TO LIVE IN CITIES THAT HAVE GREAT MUSEUMS AND OUR MUSEUM, MEXIC-ARTE IS A CENTER FOR EDUCATION AND CULTURAL ADVANCEMENT. IT TEACHES PEOPLE ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE, ABOUT THE HUMANNESS OF -- OF OTHER CULTURES. ART BRIDGES THE GAPS BETWEEN CULTURES. ART FIGHTS IGNORANCE, PREJUDICE AND INTOLERANCE. THE NEED -- THE NEED FOR MEXICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM IN AUSTIN AS A PLACE FOR A COMMUNITY, A PLACE FOR -- FOR LEARNING ABOUT -- ABOUT MEXICAN AMERICAN CULTURE, THE NEED ON -- TO EDUCATE FUTURE GENERATIONS, IT'S JUST IMPORTANT FOR YOUR KIDS AND MINE TO BE ABLE TO -- TO LOOK ACROSS BRIDGES AND BOUNDARIES AND SEE THE HISTORY OF -- WHERE

PEOPLE COME FROM AS -- AS THEY ARE AND WHAT THEY ARE ABOUT. WE REALLY NEED A NEW BUILDING, MEXIC-ARTE MAKE MATURED OVER THE PAST YEARS. WE ARE NOW THE OFFICIAL MEXICAN AND MEXICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM. [BUZZER SOUNDING] WE HAVE SHOWCASED MANY LOCAL AND REGIONAL ARTISTS. AND I'M ASKING THE -- THE COUNCIL FOR FIVE MILLION IN SUPPORT OF A NEW MUSEUM. IT'S AN IMPORTANT INVESTMENT THAT YOU WILL GET MANY RETURN ON BECAUSE OF THE AMOUNT OF MONEY IT WILL RAISE IN ORDER TO CREATE THE MUSEUM, IT WILL BE ANOTHER FIVE MILLION, WE HAVE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN COLLECTIONS THAT ARE WAITING TO BE HOUSED BY THE MUSEUM. SO -- SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND PLEASE SUPPORT MEXIC-ARTE AND -- AND ITS \$5 MILLION FOR THE BOND.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. MARTINEZ. ANABELL ORTIEGA, FOLLOWED BY BRUCE TODD, WHO I SEE IN THE ROOM, BRUCE, WELCOME. ANABELL IS LACY HERE? [ONE MOMENT PLEASE FOR CHANGE IN CAPTIONERS]

MY HUSBAND AND I HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO TRAVEL EXTENSIVELY BOTH ABROAD AND IN MEXICO AND HERE IN THE UNITED STATES AND I'VE ALWAYS MADE IT A POINT TO VISIT CULTURAL CENTERS AND MUSEUMS IN THESE TRAVELS. WE RANK OUR EXPERIENCE WATER AND WASTEWATER MEXICARTE MUSEUM HERE IN AUSTIN THE BEST. AS A MEMBER OF THE AUSTIN FRIENDS OF FOLK ART AND THE EXTENDED AUSTIN ART COMMUNITY, I WOULD ALSO BRING IT TO YOUR ATTENTION THAT THERE ARE MANY IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO DEPEND HEAVILY ON MEXICARTE MUSEUM'S PROGRAMS TO ENHANCE THEIR PERSONAL COLLECTING AND TRAVEL EXPERIENCES. I ALSO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF INCLUDING ARTS AND HISTORY IN THE EDUCATION OF OUR CHILDREN AND OUR COMMUNITY. AND FEEL THAT THE MUSEUM PLAYS A VERY IMPORTANT ROLE IN THIS EDUCATION TOWARDS MANY SIGNIFICANT HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL EXHIBITS. FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE NOT HAD THE OPPORTUNITY, I URGE YOU TO VISIT THE MUSEUM. ONE OF AUSTIN'S TREASURES, IT TRULY IS. AND EXPERIENCE THE SPECIAL ROLE IT PLAYS IN OUR COMMUNITY. I HOPE THAT YOU WILL GRANT MEXICARTE MUSEUM THIS TIME. IT NEEDS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE BOND

COLLECTION FOR THE FULL BOND REQUEST. IT'S A GOOD THING FOR THE AUSTIN COMMUNITMENT THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR TIME AND SUPPORT. MARILYN MORITZ BRUCE

BRUCE TODD.

I'M HERE TO CHAT WITH YOU ABOUT THE BOND PACKAGE FOR THE AUSTIN PUBLIC LIBRARY. WELET ME SAY THE -- THERE ARE SOME IN THE AUDIENCE HOLDING SIGNS AND IT SAYS VERY SIMPLY, GREAT CITIES HAVE GREAT LIBRARIES. AND I THINK THAT PRETTY MUCH SAYS IT ALL, WELL THOUGHT OUT, WELL USED WITH SEVEN OUT OF 10 MEMBERS IN OUR COMMUNITY HOLDING LIBRARY CARDS IS A TESTAMENT TO THE USE OF A LIBRARY, THE IMPORTANCE OF IT TO THE COMMUNITY. I WOULD ASK THAT -- I KNOW THAT FINANCIAL ISSUES PLAYINGPLAGUEANY COUNCIL AT ANY TIME BUT I THINK WITH YOUR VOTE YOU WILL BE MAKING AN INVESTMENT IN THE FUTURE OF AUSTIN, AN INVESTMENT IN WHAT MAKES AUSTIN SPECIAL, WHAT MAKES IT A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE. I KNOW THERE ARE OTHER INTERESTS OUT THERE AND I HOPE THEY ALSO GET FUNDED BECAUSE I KNOW THEY ARE CRITICALLY IMPORTANT TO THOSE PEOPLE HERE TODAY AND WE ARE CERTAINLY SUPPORTIVE OF THEIR EFFORTS AS WELL AS THE LIBRARY'S EFFORTS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MARILYN MORITZ THERESA BAIRD, WELCOME.

MAYOR, MAYOR PRO TEM, COUNCIL, I'M THERESA BAIRD, A HOMEOWNER AND A BUSINESS HOMEOWNER IN AUSTIN AND I SERVE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE AUSTIN ASIAN AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. NOTWITHSTANDING THAT THE SINGLE LARGEST ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN THE HISTORY OF TEXAS WAS APPROVED LAST MONTH TO BE BUILT IN AUSTIN, TEXAS, THAT OF COURSE BEING THE SAMSUNG EXPANSION, THE SIMPLE FACT THAT THE POPULATION OF ASIAN AMERICANS IN THE AUSTIN AREA INCREASED OVER THE LAST TWO CENSUS PERIODS AND WILL CONTINUE TO INCREASE WITH THE SAMSUNG EXPANSION AND EMERGING ASIAN MARKETS WARRANTS A CULTURAL CENTER THAT FOCUSES ON EDUCATION AND PUBLIC AWARENESS OF ASIAN CULTURES. JUST LAST THURSDAY THE INTERNATIONAL CENTER OF AUSTIN AND ITS PARTNERS ANNOUNCED SEMINARS ON

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES, WHERE TO MARKET TECHNOLOGY AND CROSS-CULTURAL COMMUNICATION FOR RUSSIA, EURASIA, INDIA AND CHINA. LARRY TAVISH AT THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, WHO SENT ME THE ANNOUNCEMENT, SAID THAT HE IS ALWAYS APPRECIATIVE OF ORGANIZATIONS THAT STRENGTHEN MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION BETWEEN DIFFERENT CULTURES BY HOSTING VISITORS AND STUDENTS, PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL ADVICE AND INFORMATIONAL SERVICES AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING. WHAT BETTER PLACE TO DO THIS WITH OUR ASIAN BUSINESS PARTNERS THAN AT THE AUSTIN ASIAN RESOURCE AND CULTURAL CENTER. THE DIRECTOR OF THE CENSUS BUREAU SAID THAT THE ROBUST REVENUES OF ASIAN-OWNED FIRMS AND THE GROWTH IN THE NUMBER OF ASIAN BUSINESSES PROVIDE YET ANOTHER INDICATOR THAT MINORITY ENTREPRENEURS ARE AT THE FOREFRONT AS ENGINES FOR GROWTH IN OUR ECONOMY. APPROXIMATELY ONE-THIRD OF ALL ASIAN-OWNED FIRMS HAVE PAID EMPLOYEES. THESE BUSINESSES CREATE JOBS AND GENERATE REVENUE. APPROXIMATELY ONE-THIRD OF ALL ASIAN-OWNED FIRMS OPERATE IN PROFESSIONAL, PROFESSIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC SERVICES AS WELL AS OTHER SERVICES SUCH AS PERSONAL SERVICES AND REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE. THESE FIRMS ACCOUNT FOR SIX PERCENT OF ALL SUCH BUSINESSES IN THE UNITED STATES. I SAY LET'S MAKE AUSTIN, TEXAS THE NATION'S GATEWAY FOR THESE PROFESSIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGY OPPORTUNITIES BY BUILDING ON OUR EXISTING GLOBAL REPUTATION FOR THESE TYPES OF SERVICES AND START BY BUILDING A CENTER WHERE ASIAN CULTURE IS CELEBRATED AND WHERE OUR ASIAN BUSINESS PARTNERS CAN OBTAIN THE RESOURCES THEY NEED TO DO BUSINESS IN TEXAS. THANK YOU. MARILYN MORITZ THANK YOU, MS. BEAR. COUNCIL, I APOLOGIZE, WE EARLIER DURING THE CHANGE AND CORRECTIONS ANNOUNCED THAT WE WERE PLANNING ON POSTPONING THE REST OF THE PUBLIC HEARINGS SO WE COULD CONDUCT THIS ONE THIS EVENING, SO I WILL ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO POSTPONE PUBLIC HEARINGS ITEMS 75, 76, 77 AND 78 -- PERHAPS I'LL DO IT INDIVIDUALLY. ITEM 75, THE HISTORIC DISTRICTS AND STRUCTURES POSTPONED TO JUNE 22nd. 76, THE PUBLIC

HEARING ON THE McMANSION ORDINANCE POSTPONED TO JUNE 8TH. 77, THE MOBILE FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS POSTPONED TO JUNE 8TH AND THE H.U.D. ANNUAL ACTION PLAN POSTPONED TO JUNE 22nd. I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION. MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLEY TO POSTPONE THESE ITEMS AS PROPOSED. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

AYE. MARILYN MORITZ OPPOSED? OTHER OTHER.

MOTION PASSES BY A VOTE OF SEVEN TO ONE. OKAY. BACK TO THE LIST. CHRISTINA DELA SANTOS. YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES AND BE FOLLOWED BY DAVE STAKELY.

I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY I'M SUPPORTIVE OF HAVING MEXICARTE MUSEUM ON THE NEXT BOND. WE NEED A NEW BUILDING AND WE NEED IT SOON: I BROUGHT WITH ME PATRICIA AND SHE IS A VOLUNTEER OF THE MUSEUM. AND THE HISPANIC WOMEN'S NETWORK ASSOCIATION.

GOOD EVENING, CITY COUNCIL. I AM HONORED HERE TO BE SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE MEXICARTE MUSEUM. ALSO I'D LIKE TO MENTION THAT I AM AN AUSTINITE. THERE ARE NOT VERY MANY OF US. AND I'M VERY, VERY SPECIALLY PROUD OF THE MEXICARTE MUSEUM. GROWING UP IN AUSTIN WE DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING LIKE THE MUSEUM. AND NOW THAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED THIS MUSEUM, IT WOULD BE NICE TO HOUSE IT IN A MORE RECOGNIZED PROPOSITION. ALSO I'D LIKE TO MENTION THAT THE HISPANIC WOMEN'S NETWORK ORGANIZATION OF TEXAS, THE AUSTIN CHAPTER, OUR GOAL AS A GROUP IS TO EMPOWER HISPANIC WOMEN AND OFFER A VITAL RESOURCE FOR RAISING SCHOLARSHIPS FOR EDUCATION, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH AND FAMILY ISSUES, AND TO PROMOTE A HEALTHY TOTAL WELL-BEING. AND I BELIEVE THAT HAVING THE MEXICARTE MUSEUM HERE IN AUSTIN WILL BE A VITAL RESOURCE FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES AND ALSO TO ENRICH OUR LIVES AND TO CONTINUE TO DIVERSIFY AUSTIN, THE CITY THAT IT IS. AND SHARE THE PASSION THAT AUSTIN HAS IN THE ARTS, MUSIC AND TECHNOLOGY. I JUST ASK THAT YOU PLEASE CONSIDER THE MEXICARTE MUSEUM FOR THE NOVEMBER 2006 BALLOT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND HAVE A GOOD

EVENING.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, LADIES. [ APPLAUSE ] DAVE STAKELY, WELCOME. AND LET'S SEE, SO IS MICHAEL KELLERMAN HERE?

THIS IS ME. I'M HERE REPRESENTING DAVE STAKELY. HELLO TO THE COUNCIL. I'M GOING TO INTRODUCE A VIDEO WE'LL SHOW TONIGHT AND DAVE WILL BE SPEAKING TO THE COUNCIL LATER ON IN THE HEARING. I WANT TO INTRODUCE THE VIDEO AND THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR PATIENCE. I UNDERSTAND WE HAVE --

Mayor Wynn: HOW LONG IS THE VIDEO?

WE SEEDED OUR TIME TO DAVE.

Mayor Wynn: IS ANNE HERE?

SHE IS IN OUR PRESENCE, I DON'T BELIEVE SHE IS IN THE ROOM.

Mayor Wynn: THE RULE IS THEY HAVE TO BE PRESENT IN THE CHAMBERS TO DONATE THEIR TIME TO BE RESPECTFUL OF EVERYBODY ELSE'S TIME. IS DAVE IN THE ROOM?

DAVE IS ON THE WAY. SO IF IT PLEASE THE COUNCIL --

Mayor Wynn: WHY DON'T WE TABLE THIS AND AS SOON AS EVERYBODY IS HERE WHY DON'T YOU WAVE TO ME AND WE'LL CALL YOU UP. HANG LOOSE, NIGH MICHAEL. JENNIFER MCPHAIL, WELCOME.

I'M JENNIFER MCPHAIL WITH ADAPT OF TEXAS. AND WE'RE HERE TONIGHT TO ASK THAT YOU FUND THE HOUSING BONDS AT THE RECOMMENDED 67.5 MILLION. I CAN TELL YOU ALL THE THINGS THAT I USUALLY SAY OR I CAN TELL YOU A PERSONAL STORY AND YOU'RE GOING TO HEAR A LOT ABOUT STATISTICS. RECENTLY WHEN I SERVED ON THE BOND COMMITTEE, MY FATHER PASSED AWAY. HE DIED IN HIS HOME. HE WAS ABLE TO DO SO BECAUSE OF PROJECTS THAT ALLOWED FOR ACCESSIBILITY BECAUSE I HELPED HIM WITH THE THINGS THAT HE NEEDED. THESE ARE THE TYPES

OF VITAL SERVICES THAT ALLOW PEOPLE THE DIGNITY OF FOCUSING OF BEING A GRANDFATHER OR A GRANDMOTHER, BEING AN AUNT OR AN UNCLE, BEING A FATHER OR A BROTHER OR SISTER. THAT'S WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HERE. I STRUGGLED A GREAT DEAL WITH HOW MUCH TIME I'VE SPENT DOING THESE THINGS BECAUSE IT TAKES AWAY TIME FROM THE PEOPLE THAT YOU ACTUALLY LOVE. AND THE THING IS THAT THIS BOND ELECTION ISN'T JUST ABOUT THE EFFECTIVE TAX RATE, IT ISN'T ABOUT YOUR DOUBLE A PLUS BOND RATING, IT'S ABOUT FATHERS AND THEIR DAUGHTERS. THAT'S WHY I STAYED. THAT'S WHY I'LL BE HERE AGAIN AND AGAIN BECAUSE FATHERS AND DAUGHTERS SOMETIMES GET LOST IN THE MIX. YOU'LL HEAR A GREAT DEAL ABOUT SH 130 AND THE NEED FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SO ON AND SO FORTH. BUT YOU DON'T CARVE THE THANKSGIVING TURKEY ON SH 130, YOU CARVE IT AT HOME WITH YOUR FAMILIES, AMONGST YOUR FRIENDS. AND WE DON'T HAVE THAT OPPORTUNITY UNLESS WE HAVE AFFORDABILITY AND ACCESS. IT'S THAT SIMPLE. THE OTHER THING THAT I'D LIKE TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT IS ACCESSIBILITY IN SIDEWALKS. WE ALL SUPPORT THE FUNDING LEVEL FOR SIDEWALKS, BUT ONE THING THAT WE'RE CONCERNED ABOUT IS THE RECOMMENDATION THAT YOU SHOULD ONLY USE THE SIDEWALK BOND MONEY FOR REPAIR. THAT TIES THEIR HANDS WHEN WE PRIORITIZE AND IT LEAVES A LOT OF US CONCERNED. ONE OF OUR PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR THE BOND ELECTION WAS ACTUALLY AT THE ASIAN-AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER. I HAD TO TRAVEL A MILE AND A HALF IN THE TRAFFIC ON JOLLYVILLE ROAD, AND THAT WON'T BE DONE WITH THIS TYPE OF BOND MONEY. SOUTH LAMAR CAN'T BE FINISHED WITH THIS BOND MONEY. BURNET ROAD WON'T BE ABLE TO BE FINISHED WITH THIS BOND MONEY. AND THAT JUST DOESN'T SEEM FAIR. IT SEEMS LIKE THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE TO RISK THEIR LIVES TO BE A PART OF THIS CITY DAY AFTER DAY SHOULD BE ABLE TO PRIORITIZE FOR YOU WHAT'S MOST IMPORTANT. THANK YOU. CLAP[ APPLAUSE ]

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, JENNIFER. IN FACT, JENNIFER, A NUMBER OF YOUR COLLEAGUES FROM ADAPT HAVE SIGNED UP LAST WEEK. IF YOU ALL WOULD LIKE TO GIVE US YOUR TESTIMONY NOW, I KNOW OFTEN TIMES Y'ALL HAVE

TRANSPORTATION NEEDS HERE IN A FEW MINUTES.

WE ALL APPRECIATE NOT HAVING TO BE HERE UNTIL 1:00 OR 2:00 IN THE MORNING.

MY NAME IS LYNN. WE NEED MONEY. WE NEED 67.5 MILLION. WE GET PEOPLE OUT OF NURSING HOMES. IT'S HARD TO FIND ACCESSIBLE HOUSING, AND PEOPLE WHO ARE LOW INCOME BELOW 30% IS HARD TO FIND. WE NEED MORE SIDEWALKS AND CURB CUTS. I ALWAYS GO SOMEWHERE AND I FIND OUT THAT THERE IS NO CURB CUTS. I HAVE TO GO BACK WHERE I CAME FROM. WE GET MORE PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES FROM THE HURRICANE. AND WE'VE GOT OLD PEOPLE AND ALL KIND OF PEOPLE WHO NEED TO GET AROUND IN THE CITY. WE COME BACK EVERY YEAR AND WE TALK ABOUT LAMAR. BUT WE DON'T GET NOWHERE. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. THANK YOU, JENNIFER. [ APPLAUSE ]

MY NAME IS MIKE GONZALES, I'M WITH ADAPT OF TEXAS. AND I'D LIKE YOU TO SPEND (INDISCERNIBLE) FOR CURB CUTS, SIDEWALKS AND FOR MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING. SINCE I'M NOT ON A WALKER... WE NEED MORE MONEY FOR SIDEWALKS. AND THERE ARE PERSONS OF AUSTIN THAT NEED TO HAVE SIDEWALKS. THERE'S THE DOWNTOWN AREA THAT -- FOURTH AND COLORADO, AND BETWEEN FOURTH AND FIFTH STREET THERE'S STEPS ON EACH SIDE OF THE STREET THERE. I THINK WE NEED TO FIGURE OUT TO DO THAT IN THE WAREHOUSE DISTRICT. I KNOW WE'RE WORKING ON THAT, BUT IT'S JUST TAKING TOO MUCH TIME. I THINK WE NEED TO FIX THIS BECAUSE WE ARE HURTING A LOT OF PEOPLE. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. WELCOME. MY NAME IS ALBERT METZ, I'M ALSO WITH ADAPT. I'D LIKE TO CONGRATULATE THE MAYOR ON WINNING THE ELECTION. [ LAUGHTER ]

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU.

I DIDN'T SEE THAT COMING.

I'D LIKE TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT SOUTH CONGRESS. WE ALL KNOW HOW BUSY SOUTH CONGRESS IS. ONCE YOU GET PAST D.P.S., THERE'S NO SIDEWALKS UNTIL YOU GET TO WILLIAM CANNON. AND I GO UP AND DOWN SOUTH CONGRESS ALL THE TIME. I'M AFRAID ONE OF THESE DAYS I'LL GET HIT. I HAVE TO TAKE THE BACK ROADS. SOMETIMES I CAN'T. WE NEED MORE AFFORDABLE, ACCESSIBLE HOUSING ALSO. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. METZ. THANK YOU, JENNIFER. [ APPLAUSE ]

MY NAME IS (INDISCERNIBLE), I'M FROM THE NETWORK OF ASIAN-AMERICAN ORGANIZATION AND THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, FIRST I WANT TO THANK THE MAYOR AND THE MAYOR PRO TEM, COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN, BETTY DUNKERLEY, ALSO JENNIFER KIM AND LEFFINGWELL WHO CAME TO SUPPORT THE ASIAN ACTIVITIES IN THE PAST. WE REALLY APPRECIATE THAT. I'M HERE TO ASK YOUR SUPPORT TO HAVE A FIVE-MILLION-DOLLARS BOND FOR THE ASIAN-AMERICAN RESOURCE CENTER I THINK BECAUSE IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO HAVE THIS EDUCATIONAL CENTER, ACTIVITY CENTER, PERFORMING ART AND A RECREATION CENTER TO BE THERE AS A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION PART AND WE WILL HAVE AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CENTER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER TO GENERATE REVENUE TO HELP TO OPERATE AND MANAGE THIS NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION, THIS FACILITY. AND WE SEE THIS AS A LONG-TERM INTEREST TO THE AUSTINITES, NOT ONLY TO ASIANS, BECAUSE IT WILL CREATE JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND INTRODUCE A DIFFERENT DIVERSE CULTURE TO THIS CITY AND THE PEOPLE WILL HAVE EARLY EXPOSURE TO DIFFERENT CULTURE SO OUR FUTURE GENERATION WILL HAVE THE EDGE TO COMPETE OR DOING BUSINESS IN ASIAN COUNTRY OR SOME OTHER PLACES. NOW, IN THE WORLD CONGRESS ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, I DID HAVE A CHANCE TO KIND OF WORK ON THE DEDICATION. THERE ARE 76 PEOPLE COMING TO THE CONGRESS, AND I TALKED TO THEM ABOUT THE ASIAN-AMERICAN RESOURCE CENTER AND INTRODUCED OUR PROJECT. AND THEY WERE REALLY, REALLY IMPRESSED. AS ASIANS WE TRIED TO PUT THIS TOGETHER OURSELF AND ASKING THE CITY FOR SUPPORT FOR THIS. AND THEY ASK WHAT CAN THEY DO TO HELP THIS PROJECT? I SAID FIRST I

NEED YOU TO SEND A LETTER OF SUPPORT BECAUSE THEY ARE REALLY INTERESTED IN THIS PROJECT. AND WE'RE THINKING IF WE HAVE THIS SETUP OVER HERE, IT WOULD BE VERY GREAT FOR THEM TO IN THE FUTURE INVESTMENT OR SET UP A BRANCH OFFICE OVER HERE. BECAUSE THEY KNOW THERE ARE ASIAN COMMUNITIES HERE AND WE ARE NOT GOING TO LOSE ASIAN CULTURE, BUT ALSO WE ARE LEARNING AMERICAN CULTURE AT THE SAME TIME. OUR FUTURE GENERATIONS ARE GOING TO BE GREAT TEXANS. SO I THINK THEY ARE REALLY IMPRESSED AND THEY WANT ME TO KEEP THEM IN TOUCH ABOUT THE PROGRESS OF THIS PROJECT. NOW, I ALSO TALKED TO ENTREPRENEURS IN THE CHINESE DELEGATION AND ASKED THEM HOW THEY WANT TO MAKE DECISION TO COME HERE TO MAKE INVESTMENT. WHAT THEY SAID IS IF THEY WANT TO COME, THEY COME IN LIKE A PRODUCTION LINES OR TOGETHER. THEY WILL NOT COME JUST FOR ONE COMPANY, THEY WOULD COME -- WHEN THEY LOOK AT THE PACKAGE FROM THE CITY, LOOK AT THE INVOLVEMENT, THE CULTURAL INVOLVEMENT, THEY WILL COME ALTOGETHER. SEVERAL COMPANIES WILL COME TOGETHER. AND I SAY OKAY, SOMETHING I NEED TO TALK WITH THE CITY, WORKING WITH CITY COUNCILMEMBERS, COME WITH SOMETHING. [ BUZZER SOUNDS ] BUT I REALLY APPRECIATE IF YOU CAN HAVE FIVE MILLION FOR THE ASIAN AMERICAN RESOURCE CENTER. I REALLY APPRECIATE THAT. I THINK THE COMMUNITY WOULD APPRECIATE THAT TOO. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, SIR. OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE MIKE KENNEDY, WHO WILL BE FOLLOWED BY TOL ROBINS WHO WILL BE FOLLOWED BY JOSEPH PARKER. I SEE DIANA. JIM REYNOLDS? MIKE, YOU WILL HAVE UP TO SIX MINUTES IF YOU NEED IT.

WE HAVE A VIDEO TO RUN. WELL, THANK YOU, MAYOR AND THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBERS, FOR THIS TIME. MY NAME IS MIKE KENNEDY, I'M A BOARD MEMBER OF ZACHARY SCOTT THEATER HERE TO ENDORSE THE BOND FUNDS FOR THE THEATER. AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF OWNERS AND USERS OF SPACE IN THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT AND HAVING OFFICED ON CONGRESS AVENUE FOR 20 YEARS, ONE OF THE AMAZING THINGS THAT'S HAPPENED IN THIS TOWN IS THE FOCUS ON DOWNTOWN AS THE CENTER OF THE CITY.

AND THE ZACHARY SCOTT THEATER BECOMES IN THE CULTURAL SECTION OF OUR CITY BECOMES A VITAL INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE ONGOING REDEVELOPMENT IN OUR DOWNTOWN. USERS AND OWNERS OF REAL ESTATE DOWN THERE SEE THE THEATER AS A VITAL PART OF THE SUCCESS OF THIS DENSITY. WE LOOK AT THE ARTS DISTRICT, IF YOU WILL, AND THINK OF THE THEATER IN ITS 75TH YEAR AS THE EXCLAMATION POINT OF THE TOWN LAKE ARTS DISTRICT. AS VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD, I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT THE CONTRIBUTIONS THAT THE CITY WOULD MAKE TO A NEW THEATER BUILDING IS THE BOARD AND ITS MEMBERSHIP ARE PREPARE TO MATCH THAT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THAT THEATER. THE FACILITIES, THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT THE EVENTS TAKE PLACE AT NIGHT, OTHERWISE YOU'D SEE THE SUN SUNLIGHT COMING THROUGH THE ROOF AND THE SETS ARE BUILT OUTSIDE IN WEATHER LIKE THIS, THE 42 WEEKS OF THE YEAR THAT THE THEATER IS IN USE. I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE A VIDEO THAT REALLY DOES A LOT BETTER JOB OF THIS THAN I CAN.

Mayor Wynn: HOW LONG IS YOUR VIDEO?

WHERE IS MICHAEL?

THE VIDEO IS LONGER THAN SIX MINUTES?

Mayor Wynn: YOU HAVE FOUR MINUTES AND NINE SECONDS LEFT.

DO I HAVE ADDITIONAL TIME?

Mayor Wynn: WELCOME. YOU WILL HAVE UP TO -- THE RULES ARE YOU HAVE TO BE PRESENT IN THE CHAMBERS. WE HAVE TO BE VERY RESPECTFUL OF EVERYBODY'S TIME AND OBVIOUSLY WE WILL BE HERE WELL INTO THE NIGHT. WE HAVE THESE RULES IN PLACE TO BE RESPECTFUL OF OTHER FOLKS' TIME. HOW LONG IS THE VIDEO? DO WE KNOW? OKAY. THEN WE'LL TAKE MICHAEL KELLERMAN'S TIME AND JIM REYNOLDS' TIME AND ROLL THE VIDEO AND SEE HOW WE DO. (VIDEO PLAYING)

GOOD ARTIST, GOOD BUSINESS, GOOD ENTERTAINMENT, GOOD FUN, GOOD BUSINESS. I THINK ONE OF THE REASONS

PEOPLE WANT TO MOVE HERE IS BECAUSE WE'VE GOT MUSIC, ART, THEATER AND THERE'S FUN THINGS TO DO. WE DON'T JUST DRIVE AROUND DRINKING BEER ON WEEKENDS. [ LAUGHTER ]

I THINK AUSTIN IS ALWAYS LOOKED TO AS THIS GREAT ART CENTER AND WE DO HAVE GREAT ARTISTS HERE IN EVERY DISCIPLINE. THIS IS AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR COMMUNITY IN A WAY THAT THEIR ARTISTRY CAN ALSO TAKE US TO NOT ONLY PERHAPS A NEW LEVEL OF UNDERSTANDING, BUT A NEW LEVEL OF EXCELLENCE.

A NATURAL SOURCE OF CREATIVITY ALMOST LIKE BRINK. BARTON SPRINGS.

GOD, I HAD A GOOD TIME LAST NIGHT IN THE THEATER.

NOTHING HAS THE COMPREHENSION, THE SPREAD THAT ZACHARY SCOTT DOES.

THE ABILITY TO SHOW A TRANSFORMATION ON STAGE THAT MIGHT HELP AN AUDIENCE MEMBER TRANSFORM HIM OR HERSELF.

BUT YOU REALLY OUGHT TO COME ON DOWN HERE AND SEE KEEPING IT WEIRD FOR YOURSELF.

HI. MY NAME IS PAULA WAY AND I'M CHAIR OF THE AUSTIN AREA ASIAN AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU, MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS, FOR A SECOND OPPORTUNITY FROM LAST WEEK TO BE HERE. I'M HERE TO ASK IN CONSIDERATION OF INCLUSION OF THE FIVE MILLION BOND ELECTION PACKAGE. IN 2003 YOU KNOW THAT THE NETWORK OF ASIAN AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS WE PERFORMED A NEED SURVEYS AND PRIORITIES OF THE ASIAN COMMUNITY, AND WE FOUND THAT A RESOURCE CENTER WAS NEEDED. NOW, JUST IMAGINE, AND FOR THOSE OF YOU IN THE AUDIENCE WHO ARE NOT AWARE OF THIS, THIS IS A PUBLIC CENTER. IT'S NOT PRIVATE. AND SO IMAGINE ON A GRAND SCALE THAT WE'LL HAVE THIS HUGE CENTER FOR THE PUBLIC WHERE WE'LL HAVE HOTELS, RESTAURANTS, BUSINESSES, PERFORMING ARTS,

RECREATION, A DIVERSE CULTURAL EVENTS AND ENTERTAINMENT, EDUCATION CENTERS THAT INCLUDE LIBRARIES AND CLASSES, ACTIVITY CENTERS FOR SENIORS AND CHILDREN, AND A TECHNOLOGY CENTER. THIS IS GOING TO BE TOURISTS, IT'S GOING TO BRING OVER A THOUSAND JOBS. WE HAVE -- WE HAD A PERSON SPEAK EARLIER WITH THE WCIT CONFERENCE. WE'VE BEEN SPEAKING WITH A LOT OF THE ASIAN BUSINESSES THAT ARE INTERNATIONALLY LOCATED, AND THEY ARE JUST SO SUPPORTIVE OF THIS CENTER AND THEY ARE JUST WAITING FOR US, AND WE'RE REALLY EXCITED ABOUT THAT. AUSTIN IS KNOWN FOR ITS DIVERSITY AND I HAVE LIVED HERE FOR OVER 20 YEARS AND HAVE MADE AUSTIN MY HOME BECAUSE OF THE DIVERSITY THAT IT PROVIDES, AND I BELIEVE THAT AUSTIN IS READY FOR THIS. WE HAVE A LOT OF SUPPORT IN THE COMMUNITY AND WE NEED YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT. THIS IS ONLY LESS THAN TWO PERCENT OF THE 33-MILLION-DOLLAR PROJECT THAT WE HAVE, AND WE ASK AGAIN FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. THE NEXT SPEAKER IS PAUL ROBBINS, TO BE FOLLOWED BY JOSEPH PARKER.

I'M PAUL ROBBINS, I'M AN ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVIST, CONSUMER ADVOCATE. I'M HERE TO QUANTIFY THE EXPENSE THAT THE CITY GOVERNMENT HAS ACCRUED BY VIOLATING THE LETTER AND SPIRIT OF THE CITY CHARTER IN RESPECT TO BONDS AND FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS. THE TOTAL AMOUNT I'VE DOCUMENTED SO FAR IS \$914 MILLION. MAY I HAVE THE FIRST SLIDE, PLEASE? I'M SORT OF OFF -- THIS IS THE LANGUAGE OF THE CITY CHARTER THAT SPECIFIES THAT VOTER WILL APPROVE ALL REVENUE BONDS. IT ONLY REFERS TO REVENUE BONDS, THOUGH THE SPIRIT OF THE CHARTER IMPLIES ALL DEBT OBLIGATIONS. IT BASICALLY SAYS ALL REVENUE BONDS ISSUED BY THE CITY SHALL FIRST BE AUTHORIZED BY A MAJORITY OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS VOTING AT AN ELECTION HELD FOR SUCH PURPOSES. AND THE NEXT SLIDE -- AND THIS IS THE PERCENTAGE OF THE ELECTRIC UTILITY DEBT WITHOUT VOTER APPROVAL SINCE 1996, 29%. IT IS ACTUALLY GREATER THAN THIS, BUT I HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO GET THE DOCUMENTATION FOR IT. THIS IS THE PERCENTAGE OF WATER UTILITY DEBT APPROVED SINCE 1999 WITHOUT

VOTER APPROVAL, 23%. NON-VOTER APPROVED ELECTRIC AND WATER UTILITY DEBT NOW ACCOUNTS FOR AT LEAST \$711 MILLION, BUT LET'S NOT STOP THERE. NOW, THIS IS THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT HAS -- HERE WE GO. THIS IS THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT THE CITY'S ELECTRIC UTILITY HAS OVERCHARGED ITS CUSTOMERS ABOVE EXPENSES THAT EITHER HAS BEEN SPENT OR IS IN SAVINGS WAITING TO BE SPENT. IT AMOUNTS TO \$120 MILLION. IN 1996 THE COUNCIL VOTED TO LOWER EXPENSES WHILE KEEPING RATES THE SAME. NOW, I CERTAINLY SEE GOOD POINTS ABOUT DEFERRING DEBT AND PAYING CASH WHEN POSSIBLE. BUT THIS ACTION WAS DONE ILLEGALLY. THAT IS, IT WAS DONE WITHOUT A RATE CASE TO APPORTION HOW MUCH EACH RATE CLASS WOULD PAY. THE CITY HAS BEEN VULNERABLE TO A LAWSUIT ON THIS FOR NEARLY 10 YEARS, AND THE PRACTICE ALSO BYPASSES VOTER APPROVAL. THE NEXT SLIDE, THIS IS -- THIS IS A LOOPHOLE TO GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS CALLED CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION. THE CITY HAS PURCHASED \$82 MILLION IN BUILDINGS WITH CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION. THAT INCLUDES THE MAJORITY OF THE CITY HALL BUILDING WE ARE NOW GATHERED IN. THIS ALSO HAS BYPASSED VOTER SCRUTINY. IT PROMPTS THE CYNICAL QUESTION, WHEN IS A CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION A BOND? ANSWER, WHEN IT IS CONVENIENT. AND THIS IS THE TOTAL, \$914 MILLION MORE OR LESS. HEY, WHAT'S A BILLION DOLLARS AMONG FRIENDS? NOW, I CAME BEFORE THIS CITY COUNCIL BEFORE THE CHARTER ELECTION THAT WAS HELD EARLIER THIS MONTH AND ASKED YOU TO PUT THIS IN ORDER. AND IF YOU FELT THAT THIS PROVISION OF THE CHARTER THAT REQUIRES VOTERS TO APPROVE REVENUE BONDS HAS OUTLIVED ITS USEFULNESS, YOU COULD HAVE EASILY PLACED IT ON THE BALLOT. BUT NONE OF YOU EVEN MENTIONED IT. COUNCIL, THIS IS ABOUT AS CYNICAL AS IT GETS. CAN ANY ONE OF YOU TURN TO THE 10,000 PEOPLE WATCHING THIS RIGHT NOW AND EXPLAIN WHY THEY THE VOTER ARE TOO STUPID TO VOTE ON ECONOMIC ISSUES THAT AFFECT THEM EVERYDAY? THROUGH THEIR UTILITY RATES AND TAXES? CAN ANY OF YOU TURN TO THE PEOPLE WATCHING AND EXPLAIN WHY THEY'RE TOO STUPID TO AUTHORIZE REVENUE BONDS, BUT NOT TOO STUPID TO AUTHORIZE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS? HAS IT COME TO THE POINT

WHERE THE AVERAGE CITIZEN HAS TO HAVE THE FORTITUDE OF HENRY WHITTINGTON JUST TO GET HEARD ANYMORE? PERHAPS WE SHOULD ADOPT A CITY -- PERHAPS WE SHOULD ADOPT A CITY MOTTO WHICH SAYS, IF YOU DON'T LIKE WHAT WE DO, SUE US. THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION. AND I WANT MY VOTE BACK.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. ROBBINS. THE NEXT SPEAKER IS JOSEPH PARKER. WHY DON'T YOU GO AHEAD AND ADDRESS US. THEN YOU'LL BE FOLLOWED BY T THOMASINA OKAY.

DEER COUNCILMEMBERS, MY NAME IS GORDON DAR SI, I'M THE CHAIRPERSON AND CHAIRMAN OF (INDISCERNIBLE) COMMUNITY CENTER AUSTIN, WHICH SERVES A LARGE INDIAN COMMUNITY OF ABOUT 13,000 PEOPLE. I AM SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY CENTER AND ITS MEMBERSHIP TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR THE ASIAN AMERICAN RESOURCE CENTER. AND ITS FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE MILLION DOLLARS AS PART OF THE 2006 BOND PACKAGE. OUR ORGANIZATION WAS FORMED IN 1985 WITH A MISSION TO DEVELOP A STRONG INDIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN THE AUSTIN AREA AND PROVIDE A FORUM TO BRING TOGETHER PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE. IN MOBILIZING OUR MEMBERSHIP BASE AND WORKING WITH OTHER GROUPS SUCH AS NETWORK OF ASIAN AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS, WE HAVE FOUND THAT THE ASIAN COMMUNITY IN AUSTIN, WHILE CONTINUALLY GROWING AND CONTRIBUTING TO THE LOCAL ECONOMY, SURELY NEEDS A FOCAL POINT SUCH AS THE AARC TO IMPROVE OUR COMMUNITY'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO AUSTIN. THE AARC PROJECT, WHOSE VALUE WAS RECOGNIZED FOUR YEARS AGO BY THE CITY COUNCIL, WILL SERVE AS A MEETING PLACE FOR CULTURAL GROUPS, A VALUABLE ONE STOP RESOURCE FOR NEW IMMIGRANTS, MANY OF WHOM ARE TECHNOLOGY WORKERS SOUGHT BY AUSTIN EMPLOYERS, AND PERHAPS MOST IMPORTANTLY A VENUE WHERE ALL ASIAN AMERICAN GROUPS COULD SHARE THEIR CULTURE AND HERITAGE WITH THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE. IN FUNDING REQUESTED BY THE AARC ADVISORY BOARD WOULD BE A SIGNIFICANT STEP IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ASIAN AMERICAN RESOURCE CENTER. EVEN THE CONTINUING GROWTH OF THE ASIAN AMERICAN

POPULATION IN AUSTIN, THE AARC PROJECT IS A TIMELY INVESTMENT WHOSE FRUITS, BOTH CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC, WILL BENEFIT THE CITY FROM YEARS TO COME. THEREFORE WE SUPPORT THE AARC FUNDING IN THE 2006 BOND PACKAGE. WE SINCERELY THANK THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL FOR YOUR KIND CONSIDERATION TO WORK FOR THIS. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. SO THOMASINA OKEE.

MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBERS, IT'S VERY EMBARRASSING FOR ME TO STAND HERE AND ADMIT TO YOU THAT ME, A FORMER SAFE PLACE BOARD MEMBER, FORMER SAFE PLACE CLIENT, CURRENT ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER, HAVE -- I'VE BEEN HOMELESS, NOT JUST ONCE, TWICE HERE IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN. I STAND HERE BEFORE YOU TO REPRESENT MANY WOMEN AND CHILDREN WHO WERE FACED WITH THIS HORRIBLE CIRCUMSTANCE. SO OF COURSE I'M HERE IN SUPPORT OF THE BOND PACKAGE FOR THE HOUSING BONDS. THE FIRST TIME I WAS HOMELESS WE WENT TO THE SHELTER AND WERE THERE FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME AND WENT DIRECTLY FROM THE SHELTER TO TRANSITIONAL HOUSING. YOU CAN'T STAY THERE FOREVER. WE LEFT THERE AND AT THAT TIME I WAS MAKING A REASONABLE INCOME, SO I MOVED MY FAMILY INTO A VERY NICE, MODEST HOUSE. MY INCOME WAS INCREASED AND I THOUGHT THINGS WERE FINE. DOT-COM WORLD WAS LOVELY. THE DOT-COM WORLD WENT BUST, THE HOUSE I WAS RENTING ALSO WENT BUST AND I FOUND MYSELF HOMELESS YET A SECOND TIME. AT THAT TIME I WAS NOT IN A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SITUATION. I COULD NOT CONTACT SAFE PLACE AND ASK FOR EMERGENCY SHELTER. I HAD NO PLACE TO GO, BUT YOU MUST KNOW THAT THERE ARE OTHER WOMEN OUT THERE LIKE ME WHO ARE GOING TO FACE SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES SUCH AS I DID. WHILE NOW I HAVE REGAINED SOME PLACE TO LIVE, I HAVE REGAINED MY EMPLOYMENT, I THINK I AM SAFE, BUT I ALSO THOUGHT THAT I WOULD NOT BE HOMELESS TWICE. THERE ARE PEOPLE OUT THERE THAT THIS BOND PACKAGE WILL AFFECT. PEOPLE LIKE ME, PEOPLE WITH EDUCATION. I THOUGHT WHEN I WAS HOMELESS THAT I'D BE ABLE TO FIND SOMEPLACE TO LIVE QUICKLY. IF IT HAD NOT BEEN FOR THE FACT THAT I HAD BEEN A FORMER SAFE PLACE CLIENT AND

THEY HAD AN APARTMENT DONATED TO THEM, I WOULD HAVE STILL BEEN HOMELESS. I HAVE A MASTER'S DEGREE, I HAVE 20 YEARS' OF EXPERIENCE. YOU CAN'T LOOK AT HOMELESS PEOPLE AND THINK IT JUST THE PEOPLE WHO ARE PANHANDLING BECAUSE THAT'S NOT THE CASE. THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE WHO ARE HOMELESS WITH CHILDREN, WHO HAVE EDUCATION, WHO HAVE WORK EXPERIENCE, WHO DON'T WANT TO BE HOMELESS JUST LIKE I DIDN'T. PLEASE TAKE THIS INTO CONSIDERATION WHEN YOU CONSIDER THIS HOUSING BOND PROPOSAL.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MA'AM. [ APPLAUSE ] NORA VAR VARGAS. FRANK FERNANDEZ.

MY NAME IS NORA VARGAS AND I'M A SOCIAL WORKER WITH JJ JAKE PICKLE ELEMENTARY AND ALSO A LEAD ORGANIZER WITH AUSTIN INTERFAITH. I'M HERE TO TALK ABOUT THE 100 HOMELESS CHILDREN THAT I HAVE AT MY SCHOOL. IN 1987 THE STEWART B. MCKINNEY HOMELESS PACKET BECAME LAW. ITS PURPOSE WAS TO PROTECT THE EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS OF HOMELESS CHILDREN BY MANDATING THAT STATES REMOVE BARRIERS TO PREVENT THE STUDENTS FROM RECEIVING A QUALITY EDUCATION. IT REQUIRES STATES TO REVIEW THEIR SCHOOL RESIDENCY LAWS AND REVISE ANY THAT PREVENT HOMELESS CHILDREN FROM RECEIVING AN ADEQUATE EDUCATION WITH MINIMAL DISRUPTIONS. THAT WAS GREAT, BUT WHAT IT DID NOT DO WAS REQUIRED STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES. THE SCHOOL'S PERSON NELZ, WE OFTEN ORDER NATE THE DELIVERY OF A VARIETY OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THESE CHILDREN. THEY INCLUDE BREAKFAST, LUNCH, AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS, COUNSELING, SCHOOL SUPPLIES, HYGIENE PRODUCTS, CLOTHING AND PHYSICAL AND DENTAL MENTAL HEALTH OF THE HOMELESS CHILDREN. NOW IT'S GETTING MORE DIFFICULT WITH A LOT OF CUTTING THAT'S HAPPENING TO A LOT OF THE HEALTH PROGRAMS THAT THEY NEED. THE 100 HOMELESS CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES IN MY SCHOOL HAVE NO SHELTER OF THEIR OWN. ARE OFTEN HUNGRY AND IN NEED OF MEDICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANCE. THEY LIVE IN EMERGENCY OR TRANSITIONAL SHELTERS, CARS, CAMP GROUNDS, BUS STATIONS OR ABANDONED

BUILDINGS. SOME OF MY FAMILIES DOUBLE UP WITH THEIR FRIENDS OR RELATIVES BECAUSE THEY CANNOT AFFORD A PLACE OF THEIR OWN. MY FAMILIES ARE HOMELESS FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS, INCLUDING THE ABSENCE OF STRONG FAMILY TIES, ILLNESSES, UNEMPLOYMENT, DIVORCE OR DECREASE IN PUBLIC ASSISTANCE OR OTHER SERIOUS PROBLEMS. BUT THE REALITY, MANY OF MY HOMELESS PARENTS HAVE AT LEAST TWO JOBS, SOMETIMES THREE. YET THEY'RE UNABLE TO AFFORD HOUSING HERE IN OUR LOVELY CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS. MANY OF MY FAMILIES AND STUDENTS EXPERIENCE FEELING SHAME. PARENTS ARE OFTEN EMBARRASSED BY THEIR SITUATION AND CHILDREN FEAR BEING STIGMATIZED BY THEIR FEARS. THE LACK OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES CAUSE PARENTS PREOCCUPATION WITH PROBLEMS AND STIFLE THEIR ABILITY TO BE EMOTIONALLY AVAILABLE FOR THEIR CHILDREN OR PARTICIPATE IN THEIR CHILD'S EDUCATION. NOT BECAUSE THEY'RE BAD PARENTS, BUT BECAUSE THEY'RE WORRIED ABOUT FINDING A PLACE TO LIVE. CHILDREN WHO HAVE NO PERMANENT RESIDENCE LIKE A SENSE OF SECURITY. THEY'RE FREQUENTLY ILL, UNABLE TO CONCENTRATE AND MIGHT EXHIBIT UNRULY OR WITHDRAWN BEHAVIOR. FEELINGS OF SADNESS, LONELINESS, HOPELESSNESS, FEAR AND EVEN ANGER TOWARD THEIR PEERS. THE RESULT IS LOW SELF-ESTEEM AND POOR SOCIAL SKILLS AND LOW ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE. SO TODAY I STAND BEFORE YOU ASKING YOU TO HAVE THE AUDACITY TO RESTORE THE MONIES AND KEEP THE LEVEL OF FUNDING THAT WAS RECOMMENDED AT 67.5 MILLION.

Mayor Wynn: PLEASE CONCLUDE. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

THANK YOU FOR NOT ONLY THE CHILDREN AT MY SCHOOL, BUT ALL THE CHILDREN IN AUSTIN.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. TONY VAS GAS. OWE GAS VAS VASQUEZ. IS SARAH ANDRE IN THE ROOM?

SHE COULDN'T STAY. I'LL TRY TO CONDENSE IT.

Mayor Wynn: FAIR ENOUGH. WELCOME.

GOOD EVENING, MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBERS. MY NAME IS

FRANK FERNANDEZ AND I'M WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FOR THE HOMELESS AS WELL AS A MEMBER OF HOUSING WORKS AND I'M HERE TO EXPRESS MY SUPPORT FOR THE BOND PACKAGE AS A WHOLE. I THINK IT REPRESENTS A SOUND INVESTMENT IN OUR COMMUNITY'S CURRENT NEEDS AND IN ITS FUTURE FOOT AND I'D ALSO LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT SUPPORT FOR THE OPEN SPACE BONDS. OPEN SPACE REPRESENTS OUR QUALITY OF LIFE AND INVESTING IN PRESERVING AND EXPANDING THAT IS ALSO A CRITICAL NEED. I'M HERE TO TALK TONIGHT ABOUT AFFORDABLE HOUSING TONIGHT LIKE OUR PREVIOUS SPEAKERS. THIS BOND ELECTION FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING -- WHEN THESE BONDS PASS IN NOVEMBER, IT WOULD BE THE FIRST TIME IN AUSTIN'S HISTORY THAT WE PASSED G.O. BONDS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING. AND I THINK WHAT SAYS, IT'S A RECOGNITION OF A LOT OF THINGS, AND I THINK IT'S A RECOGNITION PRIMARILY OF THE FACT THAT AUSTIN LIKE A LOT OF OTHER URBAN CITIES IN THIS COUNTRY ARE STARTING TO FEEL THE EFFECTS, STARTING TO FEEL THIS CRISIS AROUND THIS ISSUE OF HOUSING. WE TRY TO BOIL IT DOWN TO A VERY BASIC QUESTION, WHICH WE'VE BEEN USING WITH A LOT OF FOLKS, WHICH IS CAN YOU AFFORD TO LIVE IN THE CITY YOU LOVE? AND FOR OVER 54,000 HOUSEHOLDS IN THE CITY, THE ANSWER IS THEY CANNOT AFFORD TO LIVE IN THE PLACE THAT THEY OWN OR RENT OR THEY LIVE IN SUBSTANDARD CONDITIONS. WHAT I THINK IS WHY THERE'S MORE OF A GROUND SWELL OF SUPPORT OR INTEREST IN THIS ISSUE IS IT DOESN'T JUST AFFECT THOSE PEOPLE, LOW INCOME PEOPLE OR SENIORS OR POOR WORKING FAMILY. I WAS AT A MEETING A FEW WEEKS BACK IN WEST AUSTIN TALKING ABOUT THIS ISSUE. AND I TURNED AROUND AND ASKED THEM IF YOU HAD TO BUY YOUR HOUSE TODAY, COULD YOU AFFORD TO BUY YOUR HOUSE? AND TO A PERSON ALL OF THEM SAID THEY COULD NOT. AND I THINK YOU'LL FIND THAT WOULD BE THE CASE THIS ZILKER, TRAVIS HEIGHTS, HYDE PARK, THE SAME ISSUE. IT'S AN ISSUE THAT IS HITTING THE MIDDLE CLASS AND AS AUSTIN'S REAL ESTATE MARKET GETS WORSE, THE CITY STAFF QUANTIFIED THAT THE HOUSING PROBLEM HERE IS A BILLION DOLLAR PROBLEM. IT'S NOT GOING TO GET BETTER, IT'S GOING TO GET WORSE. I'VE BEEN TELLING FOLKS WE HAVE THIS WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY TO DO SOMETHING RIGHT NOW.

CITIES LIKE SAN FRANCISCO ARE LOSING POPULATION BECAUSE IT'S TOO EXPENSIVE TO LIVE THERE. THE TRAIN HAS LEFT THE STATION IN ALL THESE CITIES TO SOME DEGREE. IF YOUR MEDIAN HOME PRICE IS OVER HALF A MILLION DOLLARS, THERE'S NOT A LOT YOU CAN DO WITH SCARCE PUBLIC RESOURCES. HERE IN AUSTIN, WHILE WE HAVE THE HIGHEST HOUSING COSTS IN TEXAS, IT IS STILL A MANAGEABLE PROBLEM, BUT IT'S A PROBLEM WE NEED TO ADDRESS RIGHT NOW BEFORE IT BECOMES A BIGGER PROBLEM. AND THIS BOND ELECTION IS A REALLY BIG FIRST STEP IN MOVING IN THAT DIRECTION. TO ADDRESSING THIS ISSUE OF QUALITY OF LIFE. [ BUZZER SOUNDS ] SO I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU BECAUSE IT IS SO PRESSING, BECAUSE HOUSING CAN ONLY GET MORE EXPENSIVE TO CONSIDER FUNDING THE HOUSING BONDS AT LEVELS AS CLOSES YOU CAN DO THAT 67.5 MILLION THAT THE BOND ELECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE SUGGESTED. THERE'S WIDE SUPPORT FOR IT IN THE COMMUNITY. WE NEED TO ACT NOW. THANK YOU. [ONE MOMENT, PLEASE, FOR CHANGE IN CAPTIONERS] MADE IT A PRETTY HIGH PRIORITY TO THE LIST OF DRAINAGE PROJECTS, BUT I WANTED TO ENSURE THAT IT STAYED THAT WAY. BOGGY CREEK DOES NOT RECEIVE THE PUBLICITY THAT A LOT OF CREEKS IN AUSTIN RECEIVE, BUT IT'S A CONSTANT PROBLEM IN EAST AUSTIN. THE CREEK FREQUENTLY FLOODS. IN THE PAST FEW YEARS, EVEN THOUGH IT IS 100 YEAR FLOODPLAIN AROUND THE CREEK, THE REALITY IS THAT IT FLOODS EVERY FEW YEARS BECAUSE THIS BECOMES SO UNSTABLE, SO THERE ARE DANGEROUS FAST MOVING FLOOD WATERS IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD EVERY FEW YEARS. AND ALSO IT CAUSES, OF COURSE, SIGNIFICANT PROPERTY DAMAGE. BECAUSE OF THE FREQUENT FLOODING WE ARE ALSO HAVE SEVERE PROBLEMS WITH EROSION. SOME PEOPLE ACTUALLY LOOKED AT THE CREEK RECENTLY, SOME RESIDENCE, GARAGE IS HOLDING SOME OF THE CREEK BANKS INTACT AT SOME POINT. WHICH GOES WITH THE NEXT ISSUE, IT'S VERY UNSIGHTLY, POLLUTED. THERE ARE SEWAGE PIPES, CURRENTLY RUNNING THROUGH THE BED OF THE CREEK, A LOT OF PORTIONS OF THE CREEK. WHILE THE CITY I KNOW IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD THE CITY IS ACTUALLY MOVING THOSE SEWAGE PIPES UNDERGROUND BY THE EPA. THE EPA IS REQUIRING THIS TO HAPPEN. BUT THE PLAN IS JUST

TO ABANDON THE OLD CONCRETE ENCASED SEWAGE PIPES IN THE CREEK BED AS THEY ARE, VERY UGLY, DISGUSTING, REALLY. A NEIGHBOR, ONE OF MY NEIGHBORS RECENTLY WAS TRYING TO ARRANGE A CREEK CLEANUP AND SHE ASKED SOME CHILDREN WHO WERE HANGING OUT AROUND THE CREEK IF THEY MIGHT WANT TO COME HELP, THEY SAID NO, WELL, THIS CREEK IS A GET TO, IT'S NEVER GOING TO BE CLEANED UP. GHETTO. I THINK WHEN AN AREA HAS PARKS THAT ARE FULL OF CRIME, UGLY POLLUTED CREEKS, THE RESIDENTS DO DRAW PRETTY ASTUTE CONCLUDES ABOUT HOW THEIR QUALITY OF LIFE RANKS IN THE LIST OF PRIORITIES. WE BELIEVE THAT BOGGY CREEK HAS BEEN NEGLECTED LONG ENOUGH. WE WANT TO HAVE A CREEK RUNNING THROUGH CENTRAL EAST AUSTIN THAT'S AN ASSET TO THE COMMUNITY RATHER THAN A DETRIMENT. WHICH IS WHAT IT IS RIGHT NOW. WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT BOGGY CREEK, NOW IS THE TIME TO DO IT BECAUSE IT'S IN THE CITY'S BEST INTERESTS RIGHT NOW, A LOTS OF PEOPLE ARE MOVING INTO EAST AUSTIN, A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE MOVING IN THERE, ACTUALLY AN AREA JUST ADJACENT TO BOGGY CREEK IS GOING TO BE THE SIGHT OF ONE OF THE PROPOSED COMMUTER RAIL STATIONS AT MLK. SEEMS THAT NOW IS THE TIME TO ACTUALLY GO IN AND DO THIS PROJECT. I KNOW IT'S A PROJECT THAT HAS BEEN PUT OFF FOR YEARS APPARENTLY A LOT OF RESIDENTS HAVE BEEN WAITING APPARENTLY FOR 20 YEARS FOR SOMETHING TO BE DONE ABOUT THIS CREEK. AT THIS POINT THERE'S FURNITURE THAT I'VE EVEN HEARD OF ABANDONED CARS THERE, COMPLETELY OUT OF CONTROL. HOPEFULLY IT WILL BE PART OF THE BOND PACKAGE. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, TERRELL FOLLOWED BY WALTER MORROW.

MR. MARE, MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, MY NAME IS TERRELL BLODGETTE, I COME TO ADD A VOICE TO SUPPORT IN GENERAL THE TOTAL BOND ISSUE AND IN PARTICULAR THE CENTRAL LIBRARY WHICH MEANS INDIRECTLY THE AUSTIN HISTORY COLLECTION. I USE BOTH OF THOSE FACILITIES AND I KNOW YOU ARE AWARE OF HOW OVERCROWDED SERIOUSLY BOTH OF THOSE ARE. I THINK THAT THE SLOGAN GREAT CITIES HAVE GREAT LIBRARIES IS VERY APPROPRIATE OF COURSE. I HAVE BEEN TO THE DENVER LIBRARY, IT IS A GREAT LIBRARY. I THINK THAT'S

THE KIND OF LIBRARY THAT WE NEED. I WOULD HOPE THAT YOU WOULD HAVE A MINIMUM OF THE \$9 MILLION AND MIGHT BE ABLE TO RESTORE SOME OF THE MONEY ORIGINALLY ANTICIPATED. I FOR ONE WOULD BE WILLING TO EVEN PAY A SMALL TAX INCREASE BECAUSE I THINK TAXES ARE THE PRICE WE PAY FOR HAVING THE KIND OF CITY THAT WE WANT TO LIVE IN. FINALLY, I HAVE A GREAT DEAL OF CONFIDENCE, MR. MAYOR IN YOU AND THE CITY COUNCIL, YOUR PROFESSIONAL STAFF, YOUR GENERAL COUNSEL, AND IN DOING THE RIGHT THING AND IN THE PAST AS WELL AS THE PRESENT AND INTO THE FUTURE. I URGE YOU TO PUT THIS BOND ISSUE IN NOVEMBER AND WE WILL ALL HELP YOU PASS IT. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

WELCOME, WALTER. LET'S SEE, KEVIN JEWEL HERE? KEVIN, WELCOME. WALTER UP TO SIX MINUTES IF YOU NEED IT.

GREAT. WALTER MORROW THE DIRECTOR OF FOUNDATION COMMUNITIES. I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU AS A COUNCIL FOR YOUR STRONG SUPPORT FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING OVER THE YEARS. I KNOW THAT YOU ARE SUPPORTIVE OF HOUSING, A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF FUNDS IN THIS BOND PACKAGE FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING. THERE'S LOTS OF PEOPLE THAT WILL TESTIFY ABOUT THE CRITICAL NEED IN OUR COMMUNITY. I THINK THIS IS A HISTORIC AND EXCITING OPPORTUNITY FOR SOMEBODY WHO HAS DEDICATED THEIR LIFE TO THIS TYPE OF WORK, IN THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING FINANCE TOOL BOX, WE HAVE NEVER HAD GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS. WE HAVE USED HOME FUNDS, CDBG MONEY, MORTGAGE REVENUE BONDS, IF YOU HAVE A PROJECT TAKE CAN SUPPORT THAT. IT'S A DIFFICULT, CHALLENGING, RISKY, TIME CONSUMING ENDEAVOR TO PUT TOGETHER AFFORDABLE HOUSING. FEDERAL FUNDS, AS YOU KNOW, ESPECIALLY CDBG DOLLARS HAVE BEEN DECLINING. NOW IS A REAL OPPORTUNITY WITH THESE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO -- TO SECURE FOR THE NEXT FOUR OR FIVE YEARS AN INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT THE CITY CAN PUT TOWARDS NEW AFFORDABLE HOUSING, ACTUALLY INCREASE SOME FLEXIBILITY WITH THE -- WITH THE SMALL AMOUNT OF CDBG AND HOME FUNDS THAT YOU DO GET. THAT CAN BE USED

FOR THINGS THAT YOU CAN'T USE THE BONDS FOR. I'M EXCITED ABOUT GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AS WELL, BECAUSE IT'S -- IT'S CAPITAL THAT CAN BE USED TO -- ESPECIALLY TO INVEST IN SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. AN AREA WHERE OUR COMMUNITY REALLY HAS THE GREATEST NEED FOR FAMILIES THAT MAKE LESS THAN 30% OF MEDIAN INCOME. THAT TYPE OF HOUSING FOR THE MOST PART CAN'T SUPPORT MORTGAGE DEBT. IF IT COULD, WE COULD USE MORTGAGE REVENUE BONDS, WE WOULDN'T HAVE TO GO TO GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS. IN CLOSING I THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND HOPE THAT YOU WILL SUPPORT AT THE GREATEST LEVEL POSSIBLE THE BOND FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THIS PACKAGE. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, MR. MORROW. PEGGY RUD, WELCOME, TO BE FOLLOWED BY JULIE LAKE, TO BE FOLLOWED BY SUSAN STONE. AND PEGGY A BUNCH OF FOLKS WANTED TO DONATE TIME TO YOU, BUT OUR RULES AGAIN ARE THAT THEY HAVE TO BE PRESENT IN THE CHAMBERS, NANCY PODIO. HELLO, WELCOME. EVA [INDISCERNIBLE] I SAW EARLIER. EVA? MEANMUNOZ. HOW ABOUT KIMBERLY LINDROS, ALTA MOULTON, PEGGY UP TO SIX MINUTES IF YOU NEED IT.

GREAT. MAYOR WYNN AND COUNCILMEMBERS, MY NAME IS PEGGY RUD, I'M PLEASED TO BE HERE AS THE TEXAS STATE LIBRARIAN TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF THE INCLUSION OF A NEW CENTRAL LIBRARY FOR THE CITY OF AUSTIN ON THE BOND BALLOT THIS FALL. EARLY IN MY CAREER I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF WORKING AS A CHILD'S LIBRARIAN AND A REFERENCE LIBRARIAN AT THE DOWNTOWN CENTRAL AUSTIN PUBLIC LIBRARY AS WELL AS AT THE OLD QUARRY BRANCH. SINCE THEN I'VE HAD THE GOOD FORTUNE TO WORK WITH TWO OF THE REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEMS IN THE STATE, WITH STATE LIBRARIES IN VIRGINIA AND FLORIDA AND FOR THE PAST SIX YEARS AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE TEXAS STATE LINE BROTHER AND ARCHIVES COMMISSION, LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES COMMISSION, AN INDEPENDENT BODY IN THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE -- OF STATE GOVERNMENT. NOW, I PROVIDE THIS BACKGROUND TO YOU NOT TO IMPRESS YOU WITH MY 30 YEARS OF PROFESSIONAL

EXPERIENCE, BUT SO THAT YOU KNOW WHEN I SPEAK ABOUT PUBLIC LIBRARIES, I REALLY KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT, I HAVE WORKED WITH THOUSANDS OF THEM OVER MY CAREER. AUSTIN HAS A VERY GOOD LIBRARY SYSTEM. BUT APPROPRIATELY RESOURCED IT COULD HAVE A GREAT LIBRARY SYSTEM AND IT HAS ALL OF THE INGREDIENTS IN PLACE. IT HAS EXPERIENCED VISIONARY LEADERSHIP, IT HAS HARD WORKING TALENTED STAFF, IT HAS A COMMUNITY THAT IS HUNGRY FOR CULTURAL AWARENESS, EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT AND LIFE-LONG LEARNING. I KNOW THAT EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU HAS A LIBRARY CARD I'M SURE. AND I'M SURE THAT YOU REGULARLY VISIT YOUR DOWNTOWN LIBRARY. SO I DON'T HAVE TO TELL YOU ABOUT THE PURPOSE DRIVEN PEOPLE WHO WAIT OUTSIDE THE FRONT DOOR TO GET IN EVERY MORNING. I KNOW THAT ON - - ON YOUR VISITS TO THE CENTRAL LIBRARY YOU HAVE SEEN SENIOR CITIZENS READING NEWSPAPERS, MAGAZINES, LOOKING AT INVESTMENTS, AND EVEN OVER THE LAST FEW MONTHS YOU HAVE PROBABLY SEEN THEM ATTENDING WORKSHOPS WHERE THEY HAVE LEARNED HOW TO SIGN UP FOR -- FOR AN INCREDIBLY OBTUSE, MEDICARE DRUG BENEFIT. YOU HAVE SEEN THE PRESCHOOLERS. THAT START COMING IN IN MID-MORNINGS FOR STORY HOURS AT NOON YOU HAVE SEEN THOSE OF US WHO WORK IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA COMING IN TO USE THE ELECTRONIC DATA BASES TO CHECK OUT BOOKS, USE REFERENCE SERVICES AND MATERIALS, AFTER SCHOOL YOU SEE THE CHILDREN POURING IN TO STUDY. THE TELEPHONE OF COURSE IS RINGING ALL DAY AND E-MAILS COMING IN. REQUESTING INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE. SO -- SO I DON'T HAVE TO TELL YOU WHAT THE CENTRAL LIBRARY MEANS TO THIS COMMUNITY. I BELIEVE THAT LIBRARIES ARE COMMUNITY ASSETS AND THAT -- THAT THEY CAN BUILD COMMUNITIES FROM THE INSIDE OUT AND I THINK THAT A NEW CENTRAL LIBRARY WOULD BE THE JEWEL IN THE CROWN OF AUSTIN'S LIBRARY SYSTEM. SEVERAL YEARS AGO I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR MAYOR RICHARD DAILY SPEAK AND HE WAS TALKING ABOUT THE REVITALIZATION OF URBAN COMMUNITIES, IT'S SOMETHING THAT HE WAS VERY MUCH INVOLVED WITH AND -- IN CHICAGO. HE INDICATED THAT YOU NEED TWO THINGS. ONE IS A GROCERY STORE AND ONE IS A LIBRARY. WE HAVE

WHOLE FOODS NOW, SO I WOULD HOPE THAT WE COULD TURN OUR ATTENTION NOW TO A NEW CENTRAL LIBRARY FOR AUSTIN. YOU KNOW THAT WHEN -- WHEN EVACUEES FROM -- EVACUEES FROM HURRICANE KATRINA LAST FALL BEGAN POURING INTO THE CITY, THE CITY OPENED -- WELCOMED THEM WITH OPEN ARMS. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE DID WAS TO ESTABLISH A LIBRARY AT THE CONVENTION CENTER WHERE -- WHERE MANY EVACUEES WERE HOUSED TEMPORARILY. THEY USED THE COMPUTERS THAT THE LIBRARY HAD TO OFFER, TO -- TO GAIN ACCESS TO -- TO FEMA APPLICATIONS TO LOCATE FAMILY AND FRIENDS, TO FIND HOUSING, TO -- TO FIND WORK FOR ALL KINDS OF PURPOSES. THEY ALSO WANTED THEIR CHILDREN TO HAVE THINGS TO DO WHILE THEY WERE IN -- IN THE FACILITY. SO THERE WERE CHILDREN'S MATERIALS AND CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS CARRIED FORWARD. I THINK IT WAS A TESTAMENT TO WHAT AUSTIN PUBLIC LIBRARY CAN BE, NOT JUST FOR THE CITIZENS OF AUSTIN, BUT ALSO FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE DISPLACED AND WHO IN A TIME OF NEED, NEED SPECIAL KINDS OF SUPPORT. AUSTIN PUBLIC LIBRARY WAS THERE FOR THEM AS I KNOW MANY SERVICES OF AUSTIN. NOW I KNOW THAT YOU BELIEVE IN AUSTIN. AND YOU WANT THE BEST FOR ITS CITIZENS. AND I HOPE THAT YOU WILL DO THE SMART THING, I HOPE THAT YOU WILL DO THE RIGHT THING. AND INCLUDE A NEW CENTRAL LIBRARY IN THE BOND PACKAGE THIS FALL. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

THANK YOU, MS. RUD. [ APPLAUSE ]

JULIE LAKE TO BE FOLLOWED BY SUSAN STONE, TO BE FOLLOWED BY L. MATTHEWS, WELCOME.

GOOD EVENING. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR ALLOWING ME TO TESTIFY ON THE BOND MEASURE. AND PARTICULARLY THE IMPORTANT ISSUE OF FUNDING A NEW CENTRAL LIBRARY FOR OUR GROWING CITY. MY NAME IS JULIE LAKE AND I'M A CHILDREN'S BOOK AUTHOR WHO HAS LIVED IN AUSTIN FOR 25 YEARS. I ALSO SERVE AS REGIONAL ADVISOR FOR THE LOCAL CHAPTER OF THE SOCIETY OF CHILDREN'S BOOK WRITERS AND ILLUSTRATORS, OUR AUSTIN CHAPTER REPRESENTS MORE THAN 200 LOCAL WRITERS, ILLUSTRATORS, OTHER PROFESSIONALS. I BRING WITH ME A PETITION SIGNED BY

MANY OF OUR MEMBERS IN SUPPORT OF THE \$90 MILLION BOND MEASURE FOR THE NEW CENTRAL PUBLIC LIBRARY. OUR MEMBERS ARE PART OF THE VITAL HOME GROWN MIX OF BUSINESSES THAT HAVE PUT AUSTIN ON THE MAP AS ONE OF THE SMARTEST, CREATIVE AND INNOVATIVE CITIES IN THE COUNTRY. WE ARE GREEN BUSINESSES, MANY OF US WORK FROM OUR HOMES, HELPING TO LIGHTEN THE RUSH HOUR COMMUTE AND WE PRODUCE NO TOXIC WASTE. UNLESS YOU CONSIDER SOME OF THOSE EARLY DRAFTS OF OUR STORIES THAT MIGHT WIND UP IN THE CURB SIDE RECYCLING BINS. WE ARE MAGICIANS IN A SENSE WHEN WE SIT DOWN AT OUR COMPUTERS AND SKETCH PADS WE CREATE ENTIRE WORLDS FROM OUR IMAGINATIONS, BUT WE DO NEED CERTAIN RAW MATERIALS TO WORK OUR MAGIC. WE NEED PENCILS, PAPERS, COMPUTERS, BUT MOST OF ALL WE NEED INFORMATION. WE NEED TO KNOW IF CONGRESS AVENUE WAS PAVED IN 1899 AND HOW A MAD SCIENTIST WOULD BUILD A TIME MACHINE IF THERE REALLY WAS SUCH A THING, WHAT A LITTLE BLUE HERON'S EGG LOOKS LIKE SO WE CAN DRAW IT PROPERLY. WE ALSO NEED ACCESS TO DIFFERENT TYPES OF BOOKS SO THAT WE CAN ANALYZE WHAT MAKES A GOOD YOUNG ADULT NOVEL OR PICTURE BOOK TO BE INSPIRED TO WRITE OUR OWN. FINALLY WE NEED A MARKET FOR OUR PRODUCTS. CHILDREN AND TEENS WHO CAN READ, REGARDLESS OF THEIR FAMILY INCOME CAN CARRY HOME ARMFULS OF BOOKS AND CARRY STORIES THAT INSPIRE THEM, THE STORIES THAT ENCOURAGED THEM TO READ MORE AND TO LEARN AND TO DEVELOP THEIR OWN PASSIONS, WHATEVER THEY MAY BE. MY MEMBERS ARE NOT THE ONLY BUSINESS PEOPLE IN AUSTIN WHOSE LIVELIHOODS DEPEND ON A STRONG PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM. SMART, QUALIFIED WORKERS GET THEIR START AS TODDLERS IN THE CHILDREN'S SECTION OF OUR NATION'S PUBLIC LIBRARIES. WE ALL KNOW THAT LIBRARIES ARE IMPORTANT. WE ALL KNOW THAT LIBRARIES AND THE PRECIOUS BOOKS AND OTHER MATERIALS THAT THEY CONTAIN HAVE THE POWER TO CHANGE LIVES. WE ALL KNOW THAT THE CURRENT CENTRAL PUBLIC LIBRARY CAN'T MEET OUR EXISTING NEEDS, MUCH LESS OUR NEEDS IN THE YEARS TO COME. WE ARE ASKING THAT OUR CITY MAKE AN INVESTMENT IN AUSTIN'S INTELLECTUAL AND ECONOMIC FUTURE, WE BELIEVE THAT AUSTIN IS A GREAT CITY AND IT

REALLY NEEDS A GREAT LIBRARY. WE ARE LOOKING TO YOU,  
OUR CITY COUNCIL TO HELP MAKE THAT HAPPEN.

I TIMED IT JUST RIGHT.

THANKS.

[ APPLAUSE ]

THANK YOU, MS. LAKE.

SUSAN STONE. WELCOME, TO BE FOLLOWED BY L  
MATTHEWS, TO BE FOLLOWED BY DEBORAH ROSENWIST.

THANK YOU, I'M DR. SUSAN STONE, A PSYCHIATRIST I'M THE  
EXECUTIVE COORDINATOR OF THE MAYOR'S MENTAL  
HEALTH TASK FORCE MONITORING COMMITTEE HERE IN  
AUSTIN. I CAME TONIGHT TO EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE  
OF SAFE AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING TO THE NEEDS OF  
INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS IN OUR COMMUNITY.  
SOME OF THE MENTAL HEALTH LITERATURE ACTUALLY  
SHOWS THAT HOUSING MAY BE THE MOST IMPORTANT  
FACTOR, THE SUCCESSFUL INTEGRATION OF INDIVIDUALS  
WITH SEVERE MENTAL ILLNESS INTO THE COMMUNITY.  
SUCCESSFUL INTEGRATION ISN'T JUST THE RIGHT THING TO  
DO. IT'S ALSO COST EFFECTIVE. IF PEOPLE HAVE HOUSING,  
OTHER SUPPORTS, PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS, FEWER  
PSYCHIATRIC EMERGENCY SERVICES NEEDS, YOU WILL  
NEED FEWER CRIMINAL JUSTICE INTERVENTIONS FOR  
INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS, REALLY A WISE THING  
TO DO. WE ARE -- BECAUSE OF THIS IMPORTANT NEED, THE  
MONITORING COMMITTEE IS IN THE PROCESS OF  
DEVELOPING A COMPREHENSIVE HOUSING REPORT, WHICH  
WILL IDENTIFY GAPS IN HOUSING SERVICES AND PRIORITIZE  
FILLING THOSE GAPS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL  
ILLNESS IN OUR COMMUNITY OVER THE NEXT 10 YEARS. WE  
THINK THAT THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING BONDS WILL BE  
CRITICAL FOR US MAKING THAT STRATEGIC PLANNING A  
REALITY TOWARD MAKING AUSTIN A NATIONAL MODEL FOR A  
MENTALLY HEALTHY COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, DR. STONE FOR YOUR SERVICE.  
DEL MATTHEWS, FOLLOWED BY DEBORAH ROSENQUIST,

FOLLOWED BY TYLER McDONALD. WHY DON'T YOU ALL COME FORWARD AND PULLED YOU OFF OF LAST WEEK'S LIST.

MY NAME IS DEBORAH ROSENQUIST, I'M NOT WHOEVER IT WAS YOU CALLED FIRST. I AM CO-CHAIR OF THE FRIENDS OF THE O'HENRY AND SUZANNA DICKINSON MUSEUMS, ON MARCH 1836, A SMALL BAND OF 189 VOLUNTEERS CHANGED THE COURSE OF HISTORY. THE HEROIC DEFENDERS OF THE ALAMO ARE VENERATED FOR THEIR COURAGEOUS STAND AGAINST TYRANNY. ALTHOUGH THE ALAMO IS ONE OF THE MOST VISITED HISTORIC SITES IN TEXAS AND IN THE NATION, MANY PEOPLE DO NOT KNOW THAT IT WAS A WOMAN SUZANNA DICKINSON WHO FIRST TOLD THE STORY. ONLY AFTER THE SURVIVAL OF THE -- OF THE BATTLE, SUZANNA WAS CHARGED BY SANTA ANA TO CARRY THE TRAGIC TALE TO SAM HOUSTON. AFTER A TROUBLED LIFE, SUZANNA FOUND PEACE AND HAPPINESS IN AUSTIN WITH A LOVING AND SUCCESSFUL HUSBAND, JOSEPH HANNAH. IT WAS IN HER HISTORIC AUSTIN HOME, IN HER LAST YEARS, THAT SHE CONTINUED TO TELL THE STORY OF THE ALAMO TO HISTORIANS AND TO JOURNALISTS. HER HOUSE NOW STANDS IN AUSTIN'S FIRST CITY PARK, SQUARE, NEXT TO O'HENRY MUSEUM. THREE YEARS AGO, JESUS OLIVERES FROM PARD REQUESTED THAT OUR ORGANIZATION BECOME THE FISCAL AGENT FOR RESTORING THE DICKINSON HOUSE. LAST YEAR WE CONVINCED THE CITY BOND COMMITTEE TO INCLUDE THE HOUSE IN THE UPCOMING ELECTION. WE UNDERSTAND THAT LAST MONTH IT WAS REMOVED FROM THE LIST OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE BOND. I'M HERE TODAY TO REQUEST THAT YOU REINSTATE THIS PROJECT AS PART OF THE BOND PACKAGE. TO DATE WE HAVE RECEIVED FOUR GRANTS TOTALING \$117,500. WE HAVE RAISED AN ADDITIONAL \$80,000. WE HAVE RECEIVED OVER 700,000 IN IN KIND DONATIONS. WE HAVE BUILT A COALITION OF AUSTIN NEIGHBORS AND IN THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR ALONE, WE HAVE DOCUMENTED OVER 600 HOURS OF VOLUNTEER TIME. IN SHORT, THE FRIENDS HAS RAISED SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO EMPLOY AN ARCHITECT AND TO RESTORE THE ROOF, CHIMNEYS AND PORCHES. HOWEVER, WE CANNOT FINISH IT ALONE. WITH THE SUPPORT FROM THE BOND PACKAGE, WE ARE QUITE WILLING TO CONTINUE

SUBMITTING GRANT PROPOSALS AND RAISING FUNDS FOR THIS PROJECT. OUR ARCHITECT HAS ESTIMATED THAT WE WILL REQUIRE AN ADDITIONAL \$500,000 TO COMPLETE IT. THE FRIEND AND IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY URGENTLY REQUEST THAT YOU REINSTATE THE RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION OF HER HOUSE TO THE UPCOMING BOND PACKAGE. THE CITY OF AUSTIN STRATEGIC PLAN FOR [INDISCERNIBLE] AL LINES THE O'HENRY MUSEUM WITH THE NEW MUSEUM, CREATING AN HISTORIC COMPOUND IN THE MIDDLE OF AUSTIN. AFTER RESTORATION IS COMPLETE, WE WILL IMPLEMENT AN IMPROVEMENT PLANT. SUZANNA'S PIVOTAL ROLE AT THE ALAMO MADE A LASTING AND SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO AMERICAN HISTORY BECAUSE HER FIRSTHAND ACCOUNTS OF THE BATTLE OF THE ALAMO ARE ARGUABLY THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT LINK TO THE HISTORIC EVENT. I'M SORRY, I FORGOT TO TELL YOU I HAD A PERSON --

LANCE IN THE ROOM? WHY.

SO UP TO THREE MORE MINUTES IF YOU NEED IT.

THANK YOU, I WON'T NEED THAT MUCH. RENOVATING THIS RESIDENCE WILL PRESERVE AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR NATION'S HISTORY. NUMEROUS CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS AND CITIZENS HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT FUNDS FOR THE SUZANNA DICKINSON HOUSE RESTORATION NOT BEING INCLUDED IN THE PROPOSED BOND PACKAGE. I WILL LEAVE YOU WITH A PACKET OF LETTERS AND E-MAILS THAT PEOPLE HAVE SENT FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. THE MOST TOUCHING APPEAL ACTUALLY COMES FROM MOLLY ELAM WHO WAS HERE EARLIER THIS EVENING AND HAD TO LEAVE BECAUSE SHE HADN'T HAD SUPPER YET AND SHE'S ONLY 10 YEARS OLD. SHE IS MOBILIZING HER GIRL SCOUT TROOP TO LOBBY YOU CONCERNING THE RENOVATION OF THE HOUSE. SHE BROUGHT LETTERS FROM HER TROOP TO PRESENTS TO YOU MAYOR WYNN, I WILL GET THEM TO YOU BEFORE I LEAVE. WE REALLY RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT YOU REINSTATE THE FUND TO THE BOND PACKAGE THAT WILL GO TO THE PUBLIC THIS FALL. WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL SHARE OUR VISION AND JOIN US BY INCLUDING THE RESTORATION OF THE HOME AS PART OF THAT PACKAGE. TOGETHER WE CAN RESTORE THAT HOUSE. I HAVE -- I HAVE THE PACKETS

OF -- OF LETTERS AND E-MAILS FOR EACH OF YOU AND THEN  
THE -- THE ORIGINALS.

GREAT. I'M TYLER McDONALD, DIRECTOR OF SALES AND  
MARKETING AT HILTON AUSTIN. I WANTED TO ADD MY VOICE  
AND SUPPORT FOR REINSTATING BUN HUNDRED THOUSAND  
DOLLARS TO THE INITIATIVE TO RESTORE THE SUZANNA  
DICKINSON HOUSE. AS MANY OF YOU ALL ARE AWARE THAT  
THE SUZANNA DICKINSON SITE IS RIGHT ACROSS NECHES  
FROM THE HILTON, AUSTIN. I DO WANT TO SPEAK ON BEHALF  
OF MANY OF OUR VISITORS WHO COME TO AUSTIN TO STAY  
AT THE -- AT THE HILTON AND VISIT OUR CITY. BETWEEN THE  
-- BETWEEN THE COMING AND GOING BACK AND FORTH  
THROUGH OUR MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE HOTEL, PEOPLE,  
PEOPLE MANY OF YOU WHO MAY BE -- HAVE BEEN TO THE  
HOTEL STANDING ON THE -- ON THE BALCONIES OF THE -- OF  
THE CONFERENCE FLOORS OF THE HOTEL, THE -- THE SIGHT  
WHERE THIS SUZANNA DICKINSON HOUSE FOR MANY  
PEOPLE IS THE LASTING IMPRESSION OF THE CITY THAT --  
THAT THEY HAVE BECAUSE THEY SEE THAT SITE SO  
FREQUENTLY. WE ARE OFTEN ASKED BY THOSE GUESTS IN  
THE HOTEL, WHAT IS GOING ON OVER AT THAT SITE AND  
WHEN WE TELL THEM, MANY OF THEM ARE VERY EXCITED  
ABOUT -- ABOUT SEEING THE POSSIBILITY -- HAVING THE  
POSSIBILITY OF SEEING THAT COMPLETELY PRODUCT WHEN  
IT'S FINISHED AND COMING BACK TO SEE THE MUSEUM AS  
WELL AS MANY OF THE OTHER THINGS THAT OUR CITY HAS  
TO OFFER. AS DEBORAH WAS SAYING, PRESERVING THIS  
HISTORIC LANDMARK WAS IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO SAVE IT  
WHEN THE HOTEL WAS UNDER CONSTRUCTION. IT IS  
CERTAINLY A PROJECT WHOSE TIME HAS COME TO BE  
COMPLETED NOW. SO AGAIN I WOULD LIKE TO -- TO ADD MY  
VOICE TO THOSE REQUESTING THAT WE REINSTATE THAT  
\$500,000 TO COMPLETE THAT PROJECT SO THAT IT COULD  
BE A -- AN AREA THAT WE CAN ALL BE PROUD OF. AS  
AUSTINITES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

THANK YOU, MR. McDONALD. THANK YOU FOR ALL OF THE  
WORK THAT THE HILTON AND LANDMARK HAS DONE ON THE  
HOUSE. MELISSA GOODRICH, WELCOME. TO BE FOLLOWED  
BY JOHN, TO BE FOLLOWED BY MIKE COX.

GOOD EVENING, THANK YOU, MAYOR WYNN AND CITY

COUNCIL MEMBERS. >>

Mayor Wynn: I'M SORRY TO INTERRUPT, JULIE KITCHEN, IS DONATING TIME.

I AM A 7th GENERATION TEXAN, I HAVE LIVED IN AUSTIN 17 YEARS, I'M THE MOTHER OF TWO TEENAGED BOYS AND I HAVE 13 REPUBLIC OF TEXAS ANCESTORS, INCLUDING TWO BROTHERS WHO CAME TO TEXAS, ONE OF WHOM SURVIVED GOLIAD AND THE OTHER WHAT DIED AT THE ALAMO. I SPEAK FOR MYSELF AND FRIENDS AS THE DAUGHTERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS WHO ARE MOST INTERESTED IN THE PRESERVATION OF THIS SUZANNA DICKINSON MUSEUM. AS YOU KNOW, THE ALAMO IS ONE OF THE DAUGHTERS PRESERVATION INTERESTS. THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE ALAMO AND ANY OF THE SURVIVORS IS NOWHERE ELSE SEEN IN THE STATE AS IT IS HERE IN AUSTIN AT THE SUZANNA DICKINSON HOUSE. HER HOME HAS A UNIQUE AND PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE ON THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS PERIOD. HISTORIANS AND THE PUBLIC KNOW WHAT HAPPENED AT THE ALAMO MISSION BECAUSE SUZANNA DICKINSON SPOKE. THE PAST PRESIDENT GENERAL MARY MAC WALKER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS HAS DURING THE LAST TWO YEARS RECOMMENDED THE RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION OF THIS HISTORIC HOME. MANY CONCERNED INDIVIDUALS FROM ALL OVER TEXAS HAVE LEARNED THAT ALTHOUGH THE CITIZENS BOND ELECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE SUZANNA DICKINSON HOME FOR CITY BOND MONEY, THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE HAS DROPPED IT FROM THE LIST OF RECOMMENDED PROJECTS. THIS IS OF UTMOST CONCERN BECAUSE THE SUZANNA DICKINSON HOUSE IS A VALUABLE AND IRREPLACEABLE PROPERTY. IF WE LOSE OUR HISTORIC BUILDINGS, WE LOSE OUR PRIDE AND WE LOSE OUR TEXAS HISTORY. THE MUSEUM HAS A PRIME DOWNTOWN AUSTIN LOCATION. IT WILL BOOST HERITAGE TOURISM IN AUSTIN AS IS EVOLVES INTO AN ATTRACTION FOR TEXAS VISITORS THROUGHOUT THE WORD. IT WILL APPEAL TO THOSE INTERESTED IN THE ELIZABETH NEY MUSEUM, TEXAS STATE HISTORY NEWS, O'HENRY MUSEUM. THE FRIENDS OF THE MUSEUMS WHO ARE RAISING FUNDS HAVE BEEN AWARDED MANY GRANTS AND IN KIND DONATIONS. THEY HAVE DONATED OVER 605 HOURS OF VOLUNTEER WORK

TOWARDS THE PROJECT. THEY WERE SIGNIFICANT AND ONGOING INTEREST IN THIS RESTORATION. THIS IS THE HOME OF THE WOMAN WHO SUFFERED GREATLY IN HER LIFE, YET SHE MOVED TO AUSTIN AND FOUND HAPPINESS AS I HOPE WE ALL DO. SO I APPEAL TO YOU TO PLEASE REINSTATE THE SUZANNA DICKINSON HOME INTO THE CITY MONEY AND I THANK YOU AND HOPE THAT YOU AGREE WITH US. [ APPLAUSE ]

THANK YOU. JOHN WELCOME, FOLLOWED BY MIKE COX.

MR. MAYOR, MR. PRO TEM, MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL AND MANAGER MY NAME IS JOHN NEIFFLER, I COME TO YOU TONIGHT AS CHAIR OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE FOR ECHO, ECHO IS THE -- IS THE ACRONYM FOR -- TEND CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS ORGANIZING COMMITTEE, I SPEAK FOR MANY IN SAYING THANK YOU FOR -- FOR YOUR FAITHFUL LEADERSHIP IN SUPPORTING HOUSING PROGRAMS AND POLICIES IN AUSTIN. YOU HAD AN OPPORTUNITY IN THIS BOND PROGRAM TO MAKE A LONG-TERM INVESTMENT IN RAPID SUPPORTIVE AND PERMANENT HOUSING SERVICES FOR ALL OF OUR CITIZENS, INCLUDING SERVICES FOR THE HOMELESS. ECHO IS MADE UP OF 28 PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTOR AGENCIES WHO AGREE WITH YOU THAT THIS CITY WILL BE WELL SERVED BY EVERYONE HAVING SAVE AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING. I URGE YOUR INCLUSION OF THE ORIGINAL RECOMMENDED BOND VALUE FOR HOUSING. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. MIKE COX. WELCOME MIKE, ROGER WILLIAMS, SIX MINUTES IF YOU NEED IT, FOLLOWED BY LYDIA, FOLLOWED BY DAVID STEAKLY.

MAYOR, COUNCIL, THIS IS SORT OF A NOSTALGIC MOMENT FOR ME. 30 YEARS AGO I WAS A REPORTER FOR THE AMERICAN-STATESMAN SITTING AT THE PRESS TABLE COVERING THE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS IN THE OLD COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WHICH WAS SO LONG AGO THAT YOU COULD ACTUALLY GET A PARKING PLACE NEAR THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS. BUT WE DID WORK ALL THE TIME, DIDN'T WORK ALL OF THE TIME. OCCASIONALLY WE WOULD GO TO THE BACK 40 AND PIG OUT ON BARBECUE. EVEN THOUGH I'M A STUDENT OF TEXAS HISTORY, I HAD NO IDEA

THAT I WAS EATING BARBECUE THERE IN A HOUSE THAT SUZANNA DICKINSON HAD LIVED IN FOR FIVE YEARS AFTER SHE SURVIVED THAT BATTLE 170 YEARS AGO THIS YEAR, AS YOU KNOW, SHE AS YOU HEARD OTHER SPEAKERS SAY, SHE WAS THE MESSENGER FROM THE ALAMO, THERE WAS A NICE BOOK DONE IN 1976 ON HER AND THE SUBTITLE IS MESSENGER OF THE ALAMO. NO TIME TO GO INTO ALL OF THE HISTORY, AS YOU KNOW THE ALAMO BARELY SURVIVED, IT ALMOST BECAME A PARKING LOT. FORTUNATELY THE DICKINSON HOUSE IS RELATIVELY SAFE BUT IT DEFINITELY NEEDS THE WORK THAT WOULD BE ABLE TO BE POSSIBLE IF YOU ADD IT AGAIN TO THE BOND PACKAGE. IT WOULD ALSO OF COURSE BENEFIT THE O'HENRY MUSEUM RIGHT NEXT DOOR. THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN 2004 SAYS THAT THE ALAMO IS THE NUMBER ONE TOURIST TEST NATION IN TEXAS. THAT WAS IN 204 AND 2003 AND IT DROPPED TO NUMBER TWO TO '02 AND '01 AND 2000. IT'S NUMBER TWO INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH AMONG NON-TEXANS. THE CAPITOL IS 8th. THE STATE CAPITOL IS 8th IN TEXAS AND THE -- NUMBER 4 AMONG TEXANS. OBVIOUSLY THE DICKINSON HOUSE IS NOT GOING TO REPLACE THE ALAMO AS THE TOURIST ATTRACTION. BUT AGAIN AS ONE OF THE PREVIOUS SPEAKERS ALLUDED TO, IT IS A PIECE OF ALAMO HISTORY AND AS A WRITER AND LAY HISTORIAN IT'S THE ONLY TANGIBLE EVIDENCE OF THE ALAMO BATTLE THAT I KNOW OF OUTSIDE OF SAN ANTONIO OTHER THAN THE FACT THAT DAVEY CROCKETT'S WIDOW WAS BURY UNDERSTAND A SMALL CEMETERY AT GRANDBURY. THOSE ARE THE ONLY TWO ALAMO CONNECTIONS THAT I KNOW OF. MY LATE GRANDFATHER WAS IN THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WORK HE USED TO TELL ME THAT A TOURIST IS A WHOLE LOT EASIER TO PICK THAN A BALE OF COTTON. OF COURSE AUSTIN AND TRAVIS COUNTY DOESN'T GROW MUCH COTTON ANYMORE, BUT WE STILL HAVE PLENTY OF TOURISTS, I DON'T THINK IT WILL HURT US TO HAVE ANYMORE. GOVERNOR THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ESTIMATES THAT A HERITAGE TOURIST IN TEXAS SPENDS \$103.50 A DAY WHEREAS AN AVERAGE TOURIST JUST A LEISURE TOURIST SPENDS ONLY 81.20. OBVIOUSLY A CULTURE TOURIST SPENDS MORE MONEY. IN FACT ALL TOURISTS SPEND 44 BILLION OR CONTRIBUTE TO A 44 BILLION-DOLLAR INDUSTRY IN TEXAS IN '04. 5.4 BILLION OF

THAT IS IN HOTEL RECEIPTS. SO -- SO OBVIOUSLY THAT HALF MILLION THAT COULD BE INVEST UNDERSTAND THAT HOUSE WOULD BE RETURNED MANY TIMES FOR AUSTIN. THE -- THE AVERAGE RETURN ON INVESTMENT FOR EACH TOURIST DOLLAR SPENT IN TEXAS IS -- IS \$29.89. IT'S REALLY A PRETTY GOOD DEAL ECONOMICALLY. MY MATHEMATICAL SKILLS IS WHY I GOT INTO JOURNALISM, BUT IF YOU WORK THE MATH ON THAT, YOU CAN SEE THAT OBVIOUSLY FOR THAT MODEST RETURN YOU COULD GET QUITE A LOT OF BANG FOR THE BUCK. THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME THAT PEOPLE HAVE SUNG SUZANNA DICKINSON'S PRAISES AND SAID THAT SHE NEEDED MORE. ABOUT THE TIME SHE DIED THERE WAS A MINOR CONTROVERSY OVER WHETHER HER GRAVE NEEDED A BETTER TOMB STONE. SOMEBODY WITH THE AUSTIN AMERICAN-STATESMAN WROTE BACK WHEN IT WAS JUST THE STATESMAN BACK IN THE 17880 -- 1880S, THEY SAID HER NAME BELONGS TO THE HISTORY OF TEXAS, IT IS BUT A FITTING TRIBUTE TO THE GLORIOUS MEMORIAL OF HER EXISTENCE THAT SHE SHOULD BE HONORED BY TEXAS. I DON'T THINK THAT I COULD IMPROVE ON THAT, THE SAME STANDS TODAY. I APPRECIATE YOUR ATTENTION AND I WILL GIVE YOU SOME TIME BACK. I COVERED A LOT OF THESE HEARINGS MYSELF, SO I KNOW HOW LONG THEY CAN DRAG O. THANK YOU ALL. SPRINGFIELD. I'M GLAD TO SEE THAT YOU SURVIVED. DAVID STEAKLY. WE CALLED YOUR NAME EARLIER, BUT SEVERAL FOLKS WHO WANTED TO DONATE TIME TO YOU EARLIER, MIKE KENNEDY USED UP. [LAUGHTER] SO --

I BELIEVE THAT DEANN AND CAROL ADAMS HAVE DONATED TIME.

IS CAROL HERE? WHO ELSE, DAVID?

DEANNA. DEANNA --

NINE MINUTES IF YOU NEED IT.

THANK YOU. AS YOU SAW EARLIER IN OUR FILM ZACHARY SCOTT THEATER IS INSPIRED BY AUSTIN, WE TRY TO DO OUR BEST TO INSPIRE AUSTIN. ONE OF THE WAYS THIS MANIFEST FOR US, THE PAST COUPLE OF YEARS A TEAM OF ARTISTS AND I INTERVIEWED OVER 200 AUSTINITES IN ALL WALKS OF

LIFE IN PREPARATION FOR OUR ORIGINAL PLAY CALLED KEEPING IT WEIRD. IN OUR INTERVIEWS MANY PEOPLE SAID WHAT MAKES AUSTIN SUCH A UNIQUE AND CREATIVE PLACE TO LIVE, ALL OF THE MISFITS AND WEIRDOS FROM ALL OF THE SMALL TOWNS ACROSS TEXAS GOT TO AUSTIN AS FAST AS THEY COULD. THIS WEEK I'M THINKING OF SOME MISFITS FROM THE PORT ARTHUR AREA WHO MADE SUCH A HUGE IMPACT ON AUSTIN. JANICE JOPLIN, CLIFFORD ANTONE, ACTRESS ANDRA WHO BROUGHT JANICE TO THE STAGE SO MANY TIMES FOR THOUSANDS OF AUSTINITES. ALSO THE STORIES OF PERSONS HAVING A VERY DIFFERENT EXPERIENCE IN AUSTIN BECAUSE OF THE COLOR OF THEIR SKIN. SOME PERSONS ENCOURAGE ME TO LEAVE THIS ISSUE OUTS OF OUR PLAY, BUT I FELT IF WE ARE GOING TO TRULY CELEBRATE AND LOVE AUSTIN, WE CAN'T JUST CHOOSE THE PARTS OF IT WE LIKE. THAT WE NEED TO EMBRACE OUR CITY FOR ALL ITS VIRTUES, ALL OF ITS SHORTCOMINGS. AFTER PERFORMANCES MANY AFRICAN-AMERICANS AND HISPANIC CITIZENS FROM OUR COMMUNITIES WOULD COME TO ME AND SAY THINGS LIKE THANK YOU, YOU DIDN'T FORGET US. AND I TELL YOU THIS NOT TO BE SELF CONGRATULATORY AT ALL. AT ZACH WE HAVE MUCH WORK TO DO ON THIS EVERY SINGLE DAY WHEN WE GET UP. BUT IT'S SIMPLY TO STRESS THAT THIS IS WHO WE ARE. WE DON'T CELEBRATE DIVERSITY BECAUSE IT LOOKS GOOD ON A GRANT APPLICATION OR BECAUSE IT'S GOING TO PLAY WELL IN A ROOM LIKE THIS TONIGHT. WE ARE COMMITTED TO DIVERSITY BECAUSE WE RELISH THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN FROM OTHER VOICES AND OTHER PERSPECTIVES. YOU KNOW, ONE OF THE GREAT GIFTS I THINK IN THEATER IS THAT IT ALLOWS US TO WALK IN SOMEONE ELSE'S SHOES. FOR A COUPLE OF HOURS, TO EXPERIENCE THIS EXPERIENCE OF BEING HUMAN, OF BEING AN AUSTINITE AND BEING AN AMERICAN, FROM SOMEBODY'S POINT OF VIEW WHO IS SO DIFFERENT FROM OUR OWN. LIKEWISE IN OUR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS WE ENGAGE YOUTH IN THEATER TRAINING THAT EMPOWERS THEM TO UNLEASH THEIR IMAGINATIONS. PROJECT INTERACT ZACH'S PROFESSIONAL COMPANY OF ACTORS TOWARD LIVE THEATER, THE CENTRAL TEXAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, WE JUST COMPLETED A TOUR OF ALICIA, A WONDERFUL BILINGUAL ADAPTATION OF ALICE IN WONDER LAND. THIS ISN'T A NEW

INITIATIVE, ZACH HAS BEEN DOING THIS OUTREACH THROUGH PROJECT INTERACT FOR 30 YEARS NOW, REACHING 60,000 STUDENTS EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THOSE YEARS. A MODEST FEES IS CHARGED TO SCHOOLS, BUT WE HAVE NEVER DENIED PERFORMANCES TO ANY SCHOOLS. INSTEAD WE SEEK OUT THE FUNDING AND EXPAND OUR COMMITMENT TO THIS PROGRAM WITH CUTBACKS IN AISD, ARTS EDUCATION, INTERACT PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN FILLING IN THIS GAP. ZACH'S PERFORMING ARTS SCHOOL INSTRUCTS OVER 6,000 STUDENTS ANNUALLY WITH CLASSES FROM PRESCHOOLS ALL THE WAY TO DOUBT PARTICIPANTS. THE FOCUS OF WORK WORK HAS BEEN TO RACE HE FELT ESTEEM AND ALLOW KIDS WHO MAY NOT BE SUCCEEDING IN OTHER WEARS TO FIND RESPONSES FOR THEMSELVES. I GET AMAZING RESPONSES LIKE THIS LETTER. SHE WROTE TO US, OUR FAMILY IS STUNNED WITH HOW -- HOW HAPPY SPENCER IS WITH HIS CLASS AT ZACH. HE HAS SO MANY LEARNING DISABILITY THAT WE WEREN'T SURE HOW HE WOULD HANDLE THINGS. THANKS TO YOU HE HAS REALLY BLOSSOMED HIS PREOCCUPATION WITH HIS COMMUNITY DIFFICULTIES DISAPPEARED. WE TOOK A CHANCE. WE DIDN'T THINK THAT HE WOULD MAKE IT PAST THE FIRST CLASS. WHEN I PICKED HIM UP ON THE FIRST DAY, HE JUMP UNDERSTAND THE CAR SHOUTING THAT WAS THE BEST DAY OF MY LIFE, I LOVE MY TEACHER, I WISH I HAD THIS CLASS EVERY SINGLE DAY. THERE WAS A HUGE SIGHING OF RELIEF ON MCDADE DRIVE, THIS FROM A CHILD WHO HAS HAD RATHER BAD EXPERIENCE, QUOOT A LOT OF THERAPY, HIS FOCUS HAS BEEN ON HOW INCAPABLE HE IS. HAS THAT HAS DISAPPEARED SINCE GOING TO ZACH. PLEASE KNOW THAT WE ARE FOREVER IN YOUR DEBT. MANY TIMES IT TAKES THAT ONE SPECIAL TEACHER TO TURN AROUND, ONE WHO MAKES YOU FEEL VALUABLE, CABLE, LOVED. THANK YOU FOR BEING THAT ONE FOR MY SON. JUST LIKE AUSTIN THE THEATER TENDS TO BE THE PLACE WHERE ALL OF THE THEATER KIDS GRAVITATE. ZACH IS THE PLACE WHERE CHILDREN LIKE THE SUN AND THEIR SON IS VALUABLE AND CHERISHED. WE BELIEVE THEATER OFFERS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR EXAMINATION. IT'S AN ARENA WE MIGHT BE CHALLENGED TO UNDERSTAND BETTER, NOT JUST FOR OUR OWN LIVES, BUT FOR THE WORLD IN WHICH WE LIVE.

WHEN WE ENVISION THIS NEW DISAM FACILITY WE SEE IT AS A MEETING. SOME OF THE OVER 200,000 ARTISTS, STAFF, BOARD MEMBERS, MUSICIANS, TECHNICIANS, PATRONS, VOLUNTEERS, TEACHERS, STUDENTS, SUBSCRIBERS WHO PARTICIPATE IN ZACH ANNUALLY HAVE JOINED ME HERE TONIGHT TO SHOW THEIR SUPPORT. WE ARE ALL WORKING TOGETHER TO RAISE THAT MEETING TENT EACH AND EVERY DAY ON THE OTHER SIDE OF TOWN LAKE. JUST AS A HOUSE IS NOT A HOME, A NEW PERFORMING ARTS FACILITY IS NOT A THEATER. IT'S THE PEOPLE. BUT A NEW THEATER WILL CREATE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR ZACH TO BROADEN ITS REACH, WELCOME MORE VOICE INTO OUR MEETING TENT. I'M NOT SO NAIVE AS TO BELIEVE THAT ART CAN CHANGE THE WORLD. BUT I KNOW IT CAN CHANGE A PERSON'S HEART, MIND AND A PERSON'S SPIRIT. I KNOW IT HAPPENS BECAUSE I GET TO SEE IT ALL THE TIME OVER AT ZACH. AND I HAVE SEEN IT MANY TIMES IN AUDIENCE TALK BACKS AFTER PERFORMANCES. I HAVE SEEN IT IN INTERMISSION WHEN TWO PEOPLE FROM OUR COMMUNITY TALK TO EACH OTHER, WHO WOULD HAVE NEVER MET OTHERWISE. I SEE IT IN OUR CLASSROOMS AND I SEE IT IN THE REHEARSAL ROOM. WHEN A PERSON CHANGES THEY HAVE THE TOOLS TO TRANSFORM THEIR FAMILY, FAMILIES, CHANGE THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD AND NEIGHBORHOODS BEGIN TO CHANGE A COMMUNITY. KNOCK ANYWHERE IS THIS MORE EVIDENT THAN IN AUSTIN, TEXAS. A FEW YEARS AGO WE HAD THE GOOD FORTUNE OF PRODUCING TONY KUSHNER'S WONDERFUL PLAY ANGELS IN AMERICA. AT THE CONCLUSION AN ANGEL TRAVELLING AT A GREAT VELOCITY CRASHES THROUGH THE CEILING OF A YOUNG MAN NAMED PRIOR WALTER. MAKES THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE GREAT WORK BEGINS. SO THERE WAS A RECENT NEW YORK TIMES INTERVIEW IN WHICH THEY ASKED HIM, WHAT DOES THIS MEAN, THE GREAT WORK BEGINS. WHAT HE SAID IS THAT AT EVERY MOMENT IN EVERY PERSON'S LIFE THERE IS WORK TO BE DONE. SOME OF IT SMALL, SOME OF IT GREAT. THE GREAT WORK IN A SENSE ALWAYS HAS TO DO WITH HEALING THE WORLD, CHANGING THE WORLD, AND AS A NECESSARY PREDICATE TO THAT, UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD. YOU RISE EVERY MORNING THAT YOU ARE CALLED TO DO THIS WORK. ALL OF THESE FOLKS WHO HAVE COME HERE TONIGHT TO SUPPORT ZACH ARE HERE WITH ME

BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN CALLED TO DO THE GREAT WORK. WE THANK YOU FOR INCLUDING ZACH IN THIS BOND INITIATIVE AS WE ENVISION A NEW CENTRAL TEXAS FOR EVERYBODY, WE ARE HONORED TO BE IN A ROOMFUL OF PERSON WHO'S ARE SO COMMITTED TO DOING THE GOOD WORK AND THANK YOU, CLIFFORD ANTONE FOR BRINGING SUCH GOOD WORK TO AUSTIN. LET THE GREAT WORK BEGIN. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ] OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS LYDIA ORTIZ, FOLLOWED BY RUBY ROA, FOLLOWED BY LUPE VASQUEZ. THE BABY CAN'T DONATE THREE MINUTES. [LAUGHTER]

THANK YOU, MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBERS. MY NAME IS LYDIA ORTIZ, THIS IS ALANA ORTIZ, WE ARE HERE TO URGE YOU TO INCREASE THE -- THE AMOUNT IN THE BOND PACKAGE FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING. I WAS -- I HAD THE HONOR OF SERVING AS THE CO-CHAIR OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE ON THE BOND ELECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE. WE HEARD FROM MANY CITIZENS, MANY WHO CAME TO ADVOCATE FOR LOTS OF DIFFERENT PROJECTS. BUT ALL OF THEM HAD TO -- HAD AS ONE OF THEIR PRIORITIES AFFORDABLE HOUSING. I WANTED TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION, THE DIFFERENCE IN THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE BOND ADVISORY COMMITTEE, THE PROPOSED RECOMMENDATION IN FRONT OF YOU, SHOWS A -- A HIT TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING THAT'S DISPROPORTIONATE TO THE OTHER AREAS. IN OTHER WORDS THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING DECLINE OR DECREASE IN YOUR PROPOSED BOND PACKAGE IS 25% ROUGHLY. WHEREAS THE OTHER AREAS HAVE A HIT OF APPROXIMATELY 13%. SO AS YOU WILL SEE, IT DOESN'T ACCURATELY REFLECT THE INPUT THAT WE RECEIVED IN THE BOND ELECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE STAGE AND WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL DO -- THAT YOU WILL DO AS MUCH AS YOU CAN TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE PACKAGE. THANKS.

THANK YOU, MS. ORTIZ. WELCOME, MR. ROA, FOLLOWED BY LUPE VASQUEZ.

I AM RUBY ROA, I HAVE BEEN AN AUSTIN RESIDENT SINCE 1959. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SERVE ON THE BOND ADVISORY COMMITTEE. IT WAS A REWARDING EXPERIENCE TO WORK WITH SUCH DEAD INDICATED AND

BROAD COMMUNITY LEADERS ON PRESENTING YOU WITH THE UNANIMOUS PACKAGE OF RECOMMENDATIONS. NOW THAT YOU ARE TRIMMING THE PACKAGE FROM THE ORIGINAL 600 MILLION I AM SPEAKING NOW FOR MYSELF ALONE AS I ASK YOU TO TONIGHT TO SUPPORT THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING AT THE RECOMMENDED 67.5 MILLION. THANKS TO YOUR LEADERSHIP AUSTIN HAS ESTABLISHED A NUMBER OF PROGRAMS THAT ADDRESS PEOPLE'S HOUSING NEEDS. THE HOUSING TRUST FUND, SMART HOUSING, THE TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT, AND THE WILLINGNESS TO SELL THESE BONDS TO SUPPORT AFFORDABLE HOUSING. THESE ARE GOOD BEGINNINGS. I LOVE AUSTIN. IT'S A GOOD -- IT'S GOOD TO BE THE -- THE MUSIC CAPITAL OF THE WORLD AND THE LEADER IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IN GREEN BUILDING. I ALSO LOVE THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE HERE AND I ASK THAT YOU ALSO MAKE AUSTIN A COMMUNITY THAT IS RECOGNIZED FOR ITS COMPASSION AND CIVILITY. HOUSING WORKS HAS GIVEN YOU AMPLE DATA ABOUT THE NEED. LET ME SPEAK THE PERSONAL SIDE OF THIS ISSUE. I LOVE HERE, GO TO CHURCH WITH, AND AM FRIENDS WITH MANY YOUNG FAMILIES WHO WORK MORE THAN ONE JOB, BUT WHO CAN'T AFFORD THE RENT REQUIRED TO HOUSE THEIR CHILDREN. THEY AVOID HOMELESSNESS BY CONTINUALLY MOVING TO ANOTHER PLACE OFFERING A MONTH OR TWO OF FREE RENT OR NO DEPOSIT. WHAT HAPPENS TO THESE CHILDREN? THEY ARE NOT IN ANY ONE SCHOOL LONG ENOUGH FOR TEACHERS TO BUILD RELATIONSHIPS WITH THEM. TO NURTURE THEIR DEVELOPMENT. WHAT HAPPENS TO THESE FAMILIES? FAMILIES ARE TORN APART BY MOVING. LONG DISTANCE COMMUTING. WHAT HAPPENS TO THE LANDLORDS? AS A FORMER LANDLORD I KNOW THE COST OF THE HIGH TURNOVER. YES, A LIVING WAGE WOULD HELP. YES, AFFORDABLE HOUSING, MEDICAL INSURANCE WOULD HELP. WHILE WE WAIT FOR THAT TO HAPPEN, CHILDREN ARE IN DANGER AND THIS COMMUNITY'S FUTURE IS AT RISK. IT IS TRUE THAT THE BOND PROPOSAL WERE CAREFULLY CRAFTED TO MEET THE SIGNIFICANT NEEDS FOR THE CITY OF AUSTIN. IT IS ALSO TRUE THAT THE FISCAL BEFORE YOU DENSE AND VITAL -- IS VITAL IN THESE TIMES. WHEN OTHER ELECTED BODIES HAVE SUCH A HARD TIME EXERCISING IT. THE COMMUNITY'S INVESTMENT IN HEALTHY LIVABLE

STABLE HOUSING FOR HARD WORKING PEOPLE WILL PAY OFF FOR THIS ECONOMY. FOR THIS COMMUNITY JUST AS MUCH AND EVEN MORE THAN THE INCENTIVE PACKAGES OFFERED TO FUTURE EMPLOYERS. FOR ALL OF THESE REASONS, I ASK YOUR SUPPORT. FOR THE 67.5 MILLION TO PROTECT OUR MOST VULNERABLE AUSTINITES. CHILDREN, THE ELDERLY AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, WITH AFFORDABLE HOUSING CLOSE TO THEIR JOBS AND SCHOOLS [BUZZER SOUNDING] AND CHURCHES AND FAMILIES. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU.

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO THANK THE STAFF GREG CANALE, JASON BACHELOR AND TRISH. THEY ARE GREAT CITY EMPLOYEES.

Mayor Wynn: THEY ARE, YOU BETCHA. THANK YOU [APPLAUSE ]

LUPE VASQUEZ. LUPE TO BE FOLLOWED BY JAMES TEMPLETON, TO BE FOLLOWED BY JOE LYNN PIERCEY, JANE TILLMAN, AND -- ROBERT TILLOTSON, ROY WALEY. WELCOME, COME ON DOWN. IF YOU HEAR YOUR NAME, JUST INTRODUCE YOURSELF, YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES. SUZANNE MASON, PAM THOMPSON, WELCOME.

GOOD EVENING, THANKS FOR HAVING ME. MY NAME IS ROBERT TILLOTSON, I AM NOT ONLY ASKING YOU TO SAVE BOGGY CREEK AND FIX THE DRAINAGE BUT I AM BEGGING YOU. I BOUGHT MY FIRST HOUSE, I HAD A CHOICE OF SOUTH AUSTIN OR THE EAST SIDE. I LIKED IT, THE FRIENDLINESS OF MY NEIGHBORS. A LOT OF THEM ARE ELDERLY, THEY DON'T HAVE THE MONEY TO BUILD FLOOD WALLS THAT SORT OF A THING. I WANT TO TELL YOU A QUICK STORY. I REMODELED MY HOUSE IN MARCH OF 2004. MANY TRIPS TO HOME DEPOT. I THINK FOUR IN ONE DAY ACTUALLY. BUT I WANT TO TELL YA, THANKSGIVING WHEN WE HAD THE FLOODS, I COULD DO NOTHING EXCEPT WATCH MY HOUSE GO UNDER THREE FEET OF WATER. SINCE THEN, I DID -- I HAVE BUILT A PARTIAL FLOOD WALL, CAUSED ABOUT -- COST ABOUT 13,000, MOST OF MY NEIGHBORS CAN'T AFFORD THAT. AND I JUST NOTICED WITH THE FLOOD TWO WEEKS AGO, THE --

THE WATER WAS ALL THE WAY UP. AFTER ABOUT FIVE HOURS, WHEN WE LOST OUR ELECTRICITY, I COULDN'T BELIEVE THAT. SO -- SO IN ADDITION SHELBY O'BRIEN BROUGHT UP THE -- THE IDEA OF LIGHT RAIL COMING RIGHT THROUGH THERE. WELL THAT'S GOING TO BE RIGHT ADJACENT TO BOGGY CREEK. IMAGINE PEOPLE THAT SCENE OF BACK YARD HOUSES, FLOODED. REALLY CLOSE TO A NEW AREA, MANOR ROAD. NEW RESTAURANT THRIVING AREA, THE AIRPORT CONSTRUCTION IS GOING ON. JUST PLEASE TRY TO CLAW THIS IN THE BOND PACKAGE AND YOU WILL HAVE SOME HAPPY, HAPPY, PEOPLE ON THE EAST SIDE. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, MR. TILLOTSON. SO -- SO IF YOU HAVE HEARD YOUR NAME, PLEASE STEP UP, START SPEAKING. I WILL KEEP CALLING SOME NAMES. JO LYNN PIERCEY, JANE TILLMAN. ROY WALEY.

HI, MY NAME IS JANE TILLMAN, HERE REPRESENTING THE 2500 MEMBERS OF THE TRAVIS AUDUBON SOCIETY, ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS. I'M ALSO HERE TO SPEAK FOR THE ANIMALS PARTICULARLY BIRDS THAT DON'T HAVE A VOICE. ESPECIALLY ENGLISH. I'M PASSING OUT TO YOU A TRAVIS AUDUBON SOCIETY BIRD CHECKLIST TO LET YOU KNOW HOW MANY SPECIES GRACE OUR CITY AND THE CENTRAL TEXAS AREA. IT'S REALLY CRITICAL TO OUR FUTURE AS A WONDERFUL PLACE THAT WE CALL HOME THAT AUSTIN ACQUIRE AS MUCH OPEN SPACE AS WE CAN POSSIBLY AFFORD. THE AUSTIN CITY STAFF RECOMMENDED 50 MILLION LESS FOR TOTAL OPEN SPACE PURCHASES THAN THE CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED. IF WE DON'T ACT NOW, WE KNOW THE LAND ISN'T GOING TO BE ANY CHEAPER AND WE RISK LOSING MANY BIRD, PLANT AND -- AND INSECT SPECIES THAT ALSO CALL AUSTIN HOME. SOME OF THE BIRDS ARE MIGRATORY SPECIES THAT COME TO OUR PRAIRIES FOR THE WINTER. OTHERS CROSS THE GULF OF MEXICO TO DROP IN ON THEIR WAY NORTH. OR THEY SPEND THE SUMMER WITH US. CAN YOU IMAGINE FLYING 600-MILES ACROSS THE GULF OF MEXICO, THEN NEEDING TO REFUEL, ONLY TO FIND THAT YOUR HOME OR YOUR MOTEL HAS BEEN PAVED OVER. AS AUSTIN GROWS THE FUTURE OF THESE BIRDS IS BLEAK. IT WOULD BE SAD TO ONLY BE ABLE TO EXPERIENCE THEM IN A BOOK. AT THE

VERY MINIMUM, WE REALLY ASK THE CITY COUNCIL TO ADD BACK THE FIVE MILLION FOR NATIVE PRAIRIES THAT WAS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOND ELECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE. TALL GRASS PRAIRIE IS THE MOST ENDANGERED LARGE ECOSYSTEM THAT WE HAVE WITH ONLY ONE -- LESS THAN 1% REMAINING IN THE -- IN NORTH AMERICA. THE EAST SIDE OF AUSTIN IS -- IS BLACK LAND PRAIRIE, NORTHWEST AUSTIN IS THE CROSS TIMBERS AND THE -- AND PRAIRIES AND WE REALLY DON'T HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLE OF PRAIRIES PRESERVED FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS. DUE TO INCREASING DEVELOPMENT IT'S REALLY NOW OR NEVER FOR THESE INTACT PRAIRIE SITES THAT DON'T HAVE TO BE RESTORED. THEY ARE IN THEIR ORIGINAL CONDITION. MANY OF OUR GRASSLAND BIRDS ARE IN SERIOUS DECLINE BECAUSE OF LOSS OF FRAGMENTATION OF HABITAT. IF WE TONTO STILL THRILL TO THE SIGHT OF BIRDS LIKE THIS PAINTED BUNTING OR OUR BEAUTIFUL EASTERN BLUE BIRDS, THEN WE REALLY OR WE WANT TO HEAR SINGING MEADOW LARKS, WE REALLY ASK TO SAVE MORE OPEN SPACE, PARTICULARLY PRAIRIE. I TOLD MY 19-YEAR-OLD SON THAT I WAS COMING DOWN TO SPEAK ABOUT OPEN SPACE TONIGHT. TONIGHT HE SAID PLEASE MOM, NOT THE BIRDS. AND I SAID, WELL, WHAT WOULD BE IMPORTANT? YOU KNOW, WHAT -- WHY SHOULD HE CARE? MY ANSWER TO HIM WAS CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR AND I HAVE BEEN LISTENING, I WOULD ALSO SAY FLOOD CONTROL. OPEN LANDS PROVIDE HE ECOSYSTEM SERVICES THAT ARE JUST NOW BEING DEFINED AND VALUED. [BUZZER SOUNDING] IF WE CANNOT BE STEWARDS OF THE LAND AND ANIMALS FOR THEIR OWN SAKE, LET'S PRESERVE THE OPEN SPACE FOR OUR MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH. PLEASE FUND OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION, THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

THANK YOU, MA'AM. ROY I CALLED YOUR NAME EARLIER. LET'S SEE, PAM THOMPSON, ROBIN CRAVEVY, COLIN CLARK.

IF YOU HEARD YOUR NAME, BE APPROACHING THE PODIUM, THAT HELPS US GET THROUGH FOUR AND A HALF MORE HOURS OF TESTIMONY.

I WILL BE AS QUICK I AM, I AM ROY WALEY, WITH THE SIERRA CLUB HERE WITH THE AUSTIN REGIONAL GROUP SERVING ON THE EGS COM, HEAR ONCE AGAIN TO TALK ABOUT OPEN

SPACE, ALSO JUST LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE TO TELL YOU THAT -- THAT THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE THAT YOU WILL CONSIDER TONIGHT. AND HERE'S WHY I THINK THAT'S TRUE. AS A COUNCIL, YOU HAVE TAKEN A POSITION THAT -- THAT PRESERVATION OF THE EDWARD AND BARTON SPRINGS IS VERY IMPORTANT AND -- AND AS INDIVIDUALS SOME OF YOU HAVE TOLD ME THAT PERSONALLY. AND THE ONLY WAY THAT WE CAN DO THAT AT THIS POINT IS THROUGH OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION. ESPECIALLY IF A.M.D. DOES -- DOES END UP WHERE THEY ARE PLANNING ON GOOD, THERE WILL BE A LAND RUSH OUT THERE AND WE WON'T BE ABLE TO AFFORD TO DO IT. IF WE DON'T DO IT NOW. AND I KNOW IN THE CURRENT BOND PACKAGE THERE ARE A LOT OF POCKET PARKS FOR THE NEIGHBORHOODS, BUT NEXT TIME IT COMES AROUND, THAT'S WHAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO AFFORD OVER THE AQUIFER. THIS POCKET PARK SIZED PARCELS. THAT'S THE REASON WE HAVE TO DO IT NOW. I'M ALSO SPEAKING AS A REALTOR, SO I UNDERSTAND LAND VALUES. WE HAVE TO PUT EVERYTHING THAT WE CAN AND I'M NOT SAYING THAT THE OTHER ISSUES BEFORE YOU TONIGHT ARE NOT IMPORTANT, THEY ARE. AND I'M GOING TO TAKE AN UNPOPULAR STANCE HERE AND I DON'T MEAN TO STEP ON ANY TOES, I APOLOGIZE TO MY FRIENDS AND EVERYBODY THAT FEELS LIKE IT'S IMPORTANT BUT IN ORDER FOR US TO BUY OPEN SPACE WE HAVE TO COME WITH UP THE MONEY SOMEWHERE AND I UNDERSTAND THAT. END VIEW ANY OF YOU FOR THE DECISIONS THAT YOU HAVE TO MAKE. BUT I WOULD PROPOSE THAT INSTEAD OF PUTTING 90 MILLION INTO A CENTRAL LIBRARY, THAT IS NOT ESSENTIAL AT THIS TIME, THAT WE PLAN ON THE CENTRAL LIBRARY WHICH CAN'T GET STARTED UNTIL PROBABLY ANOTHER FIVE TO SIX YEARS ANYWAY, SO TO SET ASIDE PLANNING MONEY FOR THAT ALSO PUT MONEY INTO THE BRANCH SYSTEM, THE BRANCH SYSTEM IT WHAT GETS USED. CHILDREN DON'T COME DOWNTOWN TO GO TO THE LIBRARY. THEY GO TO THEIR LOCAL LIBRARIES. AND WE HAVE TO -- TO BOLSTER THAT SYSTEM. THE KIDS DEPEND ON IT. SO PUT 45 MILLION INSTEAD OF 90 MILLION. INTO THE LIBRARY SYSTEM. TAKE THE OTHER 45 MILLION AND PUT IT INTO OPEN SPACE. BECAUSE IT CAN'T WAIT, WE HAVE TO BUY IT NOW. THE PRICES WILL BE OUT OF REACH. IF WE WAIT. AND I THANK

YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND I HOPE THAT YOU TRULY  
CONSIDER THIS, I HOPE THAT YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY MADE  
UP YOUR MIND. I HOPE THAT YOU ALL ARE TRYING TO KEEP  
AN OPEN MIND ABOUT THIS, WILL AT LEAST CONSIDER IT.  
THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [ APPLAUSE ]

THANK YOU.

IF YOU HEAR YOUR NAME CALLED PLEASE APPROACH THE  
PODIUM AN BEGIN ADDRESSING US.

HI. MY NAME IS SUZANNE MASON AND I WAS SOMEWHERE IN  
THE ORDER AND I WANT TO SAY THAT THERE ARE A COUPLE  
OF PEOPLE WHOSE NAMES THAT YOU HAVE CALLED THAT  
HAVE GONE. BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T KNOW WHEN THEY  
WERE GOING TO SPEAK. I THINK THERE'S SOME CONFUSION  
ABOUT THAT. IT'S UNFORTUNATE BECAUSE WE CAN'T ALL  
SAY EVERYTHING THAT COULD BE SAID. AND FOR ME  
ANYWAY THE -- THE LAND ACQUISITION ISSUES ARE REALLY  
FUNDAMENTAL AND IMPORTANT TO THE FUTURE OF AUSTIN  
AND --

I'M CALLING EVERYBODY IN EXACTLY THE ORDER THAT THEY  
HAVE SIGNED UP HERE ON THE COMPUTER. THESE FOLKS  
HAVEN'T WAITED NEARLY AS LONG AS THE PEOPLE WAITED  
LAST WEEK. PEOPLE SIGNED UP LAST WEEK AT 4:00 P.M.,  
DOESN'T TART ADDRESSING US UNTIL ABOUT 1:00 A.M. WE  
WERE RESPECTFUL OF THAT. THAT'S WHY WE ARE  
CONTINUING THE PUBLIC HEARING.

I UNDERSTAND THAT. BUT I DON'T THINK THAT THEY  
UNDERSTOOD THAT. SO I'M JUST SAYING THAT IT COULD  
HAVE BEEN CLEARER PROCESS SO THAT PEOPLE KNEW  
WHERE THEY WERE IN THE ORDER. SO -- SO I'LL READ FROM  
MY SCRIPT. I RESPECT THE WORK THAT YOU DO ON BEHALF  
OF AUSTIN AND I APPRECIATE THE DIFFICULTY OF YOUR  
JOB. YOU ARE AT THE HELM OF A SMALL CITY IN A BIG  
WORLD HERE IN CENTRAL TEXAS. TEMPERATURES ARISING  
AND THE WATER TABLE IS THREATENED BY A SERIES OF  
DEVELOPMENTS BOTH NATURAL AND HUMAN MADE. ALL  
OVER THE WORLD THERE'S DEVASTATION TO PRECIOUS  
ENVIRONMENTS, CORRAL REEVES ARE DYING, THE ARCTIC  
IS MELTING, WE ARE DEBATING DRILLING OUR NATIONAL

PRESERVES FOR OIL, THE VERY THING THAT IS DRIVING SO MANY ENVIRONMENTAL DISASTERS. AND I SAY THIS WITH REGARD TO THE BOND ELECTION. WE CAN DO SOMETHING HERE IN AUSTIN TO RESPOND INTELLIGENTLY AND WITH VISION TO THESE FOREBODING GLOBAL DEVELOPMENTS AND FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR CITY AND OUR REGION AS A WHOLE. SO I'M ASKING YOU TO PLEASE INCREASE THE RECOMMENDED BOND ALLOTMENT FOR LAND COVER VISION AND PRESERVATION IN THE WATERSHED. TO MORE THAN \$90 MILLION. WE ALL KNOW THAT THIS MONEY WILL BUY BUT A FRACTION OF THE LAND THAT WE NEED TO PURCHASE TO PROTECT THE WATERSHED AND ULTIMATELY BARTON SPRINGS, THE MONEY THAT -- THAT -- THAT'S BEING DISCUSSED IS SOMETHING, THE MONEY THAT WE HAVE ALREADY SPENT IS -- IS SIGNIFICANT BUT IT ISN'T ENOUGH. WE CAN HAVE -- WE CAN HAVE A BEAUTIFUL WATERSHED, BUT WE HAVE TO WORK HARD FOR IT AND TAKE THE LONG ROAD. IT'S A COMMITMENT WITH FAR REACHING IMPACT. IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO. NOT THE EASY ONE. PLEASE DON'T LET THE POWERFUL AND WEALTHY DEVELOPERS WHO CONTINUALLY SUBVERT AUSTIN'S ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTIONS OF THE AQUIFER CONTINUE TO RUN ROUGH SHOD OVER OUR YEARS OF PLANNING TO PROTECT BARTON SPRINGS. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION EFFORTS HAVE FAILED IN THE WATERSHED. LICK CREEK COMES TO MIND. THE ADVANCED MICRODEVICES DEVELOPMENT WILL BE WORSE. BECAUSE IT'S SO CLOSE TO THE HEART OF THE CITY. A.M.D. -- [BUZZER SOUNDING] A.M.D. FLAUNTS "ENGINEERED MITIGATION DEVICES" THAT WILL SUPPOSEDLY PREVENT POLLUTION FROM REACHING THE AQUIFER. BUT THESE ENGINEERED MITIGATION DEVICES AREN'T TESTED OR PROVEN. AND THE ONES USED IN THE PAST FREQUENTLY FAIL. WHAT'S WORSE IS WHEN THESE BUILDINGS ARE SOLD WHO IS TO SAY THAT THE NEW OCCUPANTS WILL MAINTAIN THE -- THE SYSTEM'S AT THEIR NECESSARY LEVELS.

Mayor Wynn: PLEASE CONCLUDE.

OKAY.

Mayor Wynn: TIME IS UP.

YOU REPRESENT US AT THIBLE AND CAN NOW GIVE US THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE ON A SIGNIFICANT BOND ALLOTMENT FOR OPEN SPACE. AND MOST IMPORTANTLY THE PURCHASE OF LAND FOR CONSERVATION IN THE WATERSHED. SO WITH THESE BOND FUNDS WE CAN MEND TOGETHER, SAVE A PIECE OF OUR WATERSHED HILL COUNTRY AND PREVENT IT FROM BECOMING A FUTURE ENVIRONMENTAL DISASTER. SO PLEASE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO -- TO ADVANCE OUR LONG YEARS OF PLANNING AND GIVE US AN OPPORTUNITY TO -- TO PASS MEASURES FOR LAND PRESERVATION TO PROTECT BARTON SPRINGS AND BARTON CREEK. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, SUZANNE. [ APPLAUSE ] VILLAGE LARRY BRISTOL WELCOME. FOLLOWED BY --

I SIGNED UP LAST TIME. THE -- THEY SAID WE WERE TO STEP UP WHENEVER WE COULD FIND A MOMENT. [ONE MOMENT PLEASE FOR CHANGE IN CAPTIONERS]

ALL OVER THE CITY YOU SEE CITIES GOING OUT AND PROTECTING THEIR WATER IN A WHOLE NEW WAY. I THINK AUSTIN HAS BEEN ONE OF THOSE VISIONARY CITIES. WATER -- TODAY TEXAS IS MAKING HUGE DECISIONS ABOUT ENVIRONMENTAL FLOWS, HOW MUCH CAN COME OUT OF RIVERS AND STREAMS. WATER IS BECOMING THE KEY RESOURCE IN OUR NATION. AND SO THE WORK WE'VE DONE HERE, AND I HOPE WILL DO IN THE FUTURE, IS GOING TO BE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO THE FUTURE OF AUSTIN. SO I CONGRATULATE YOU FOR THE WORK WE'VE DONE IN THE PAST. LET'S GO DO SOME MORE AND MAKE AUSTIN TRULY A GREAT CITY. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, VALERIE.

I'M STEPPING UP TO CLAIM MY TIME FOR LAST WEEK AS WELL. MY NAME IS ANGELIQUE (INDISCERNIBLE). I'M HERE TO EXPRESS ON BEHALF OF THE TRUST OUR SUPPORT FOR FUNDING FOR PARKS AND AQUIFER PROTECTION ACQUISITION FUNDING. AS SOME OF YOU ARE AWARE, OVER THE LAST EIGHT TO 10 10 MONTHS, THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH THE CITY, TRAVIS COUNTY, THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AND SEVERAL STAKEHOLDERS IN

OUR CITY ON A GREEN PRINTING PROCESS WHICH IS ESSENTIALLY A NEEDS ASSESSMENT OF PARKS AND OPEN SPACE WITHIN THE CITY. THROUGH THE PROCESS THERE WERE TWO MAJOR PRIORITIES THAT CAME ACROSS, THE PROTECTION OF WATER QUALITY AND WATER QUANTITY IN THE CITY, AND THE SECOND ONE, EQUALLY IMPORTANT, INCREASED ACCESS TO RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE, PARKS. AS WE WENT THROUGH THE PROCESS A MODEL BROUGHT OUT ABOUT 21,000 PRIORITY ACRES THAT NEED TO BE PROTECTED WITHIN THE CITY -- WITHIN THE COUNTY, A GOOD PART OF IT IS IN THE CITY. THIS IS ACHE ACKNOWLEDGE ALONG THE COLORADO RIVER, LONG OUR CREEKS, WILBARGER, GILL LA LAND, WALNUT CREEK, INFILL PARKS AND OF COURSE OVER THE EDWARD'S AQUIFER. WE MAKE THESE INVESTMENTS AS WE ARE TALKING ABOUT TODAY, WE MAKE THESE INVESTMENTS ONCE EVERY SEVEN TO EIGHT YEARS IN THE CITY, AND WE HAVE A WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY RIGHT NOW TO MAKE AN INVESTMENT IN A SUSTAINABLE PARKS AND OPEN SPACE STRUCTURE. THE LEADERSHIP OF THE CITY HAS BEEN VERY BALANCED IN ITS INVESTMENT IN PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND WE URGE THAT THE COUNCIL TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY RIGHT NOW AND MAKE THE INVESTMENT THAT IS NECESSARY TO CONTINUE THE QUALITY OF LIFE THAT WE HAVE IN THE CITY. I DO WANT TO ADD ON A PERSONAL NOTE THAT I AM BEING A PERSON IN AUSTIN, LIVING IN AUSTIN OF ASIAN DESCENT, I VERY MUCH SUPPORT THE ASIAN-AMERICAN RESOURCE CENTER AND I APPRECIATE ALL THAT WAS SAID IN SUPPORT OF THAT PROJECT AND I HOPE THAT THE COUNCIL WILL CONSIDER THAT FOR FUNDING AS WELL. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. COLIN CLARK, ROBIN CRAVE I HAVE, SUSAN -- CRAVE I HAVE.

MAYOR, BRAD ROCKWELL HAD SIGNED UP TO DONATE HIS TIME TO ME ON THE COMPUTER SYSTEM.

Mayor Wynn: IS MR. ROCKWELL HERE? I TRUST YOU, COLIN. SO YOU WILL HAVE UP TO SIX MINUTES IF YOU NEED IT, BUT BE COG IN COGNIZANT THAT THERE ARE LOTS OF FOLKS THAT STILL WANT TO GIVE US TESTIMONY.

THANK YOU. COLIN CLARK WITH SAVE OUR SPRINGS

ALLIANCE HERE TO SUPPORT THE PARKS, RIVER AND RECHARGE. THIS BOND PACKAGE WAS FASHIONED BY THE COUNCIL LAST YEAR AS THE ENVISION CENTRAL TEXAS BONDS. AND I THINK THERE ARE TWO COMPONENTS THAT MOST FIT WITH ENVISION CENTRAL TEXAS, AND THAT IS PROTECTING NATURAL HOURS AND PROVIDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING. WHILE I WANT TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF FUNDING FOR RIVERS, PARK AND RECHARGE, I ALSO WANT TO ASK THAT YOU INCREASE THE AMOUNT FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING BECAUSE THOSE TWO GO HAND IN HAND IN MAKING AUSTIN A MORE LIVEABLE CITY. AND I HAVE A LITTLE SLIDE SHOW HERE. OKAY. BARTON SPRINGS, JUST A REMINDER, WE HAVE AN ASSET HERE, A NATURAL ASSET THAT NO OTHER CITY HAS ANYTHING COMPARABLE TO THIS. AND I MEET PEOPLE EVERY WEEKEND AT THE SPRINGS WHO COME IN FROM HOUSTON, FROM DALLAS FOR THE WEEKEND, SPECIFICALLY TO GO TO BARTON SPRINGS BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE ANYTHING LIKE THAT WHERE THEY LIVE. THE SOUL OF OUR CITY HAS BEEN -- HISTORICALLY THERE IS A BAPTISM FROM THE SPRINGS IN 1925. AND JUST THIS WINTER THERE WAS AN EPIPHANY SERVICE AT THE SPRINGS. ON NEW YEAR'S DAY WE HAD A WONDERFUL POLAR BEAR SWIM. THE COMMUNITY GETTING TOGETHER AND STARTING THE NEW YEAR RIGHT. AND EVERY WEEK YOU HAVE CHILDREN EXPLORING NATURE AND WATER IN THE MIDDLE OF A CITY. AGAIN, THIS IS EXTREMELY UNIQUE. UNFORTUNATELY WE'VE SCREWED UP A LOT OF OUR CREEKS, BUT FOR THE TIME BEING WE STILL HAVE BARTON SPRINGS. SO HOW DOES THIS BEAUTIFUL WATER GET HERE? IT STARTS IN THE HILL COUNTRY, GOES INTO A CREEK. THOSE CREEKS CROSS THE RECHARGE ZONE WHERE WE HAVE PORE ROUSE EDWARDS -- POROUS EDWARDS LIMESTONE. IT GOES UNDERGROUND INTO THE AQUIFER AND THEN IT GOES THROUGH THE AQUIFER VERY RAPIDLY WITHOUT FILTRATION AND POLLUTANTS AND IT EMERGES RIGHT HERE IN THE MIDDLE OF OUR CITY, BARTON SPRINGS. WHICH IS A PART OF THE EDWARD'S AQUIFER SYSTEM, AND WE'VE HEARD A LOT ABOUT THINKING REGIONALLY IN THIS BOND PROCESS. AND A REMINDER, OUR NEIGHBORS DOWN IN SAN ANTONIO AUTHORIZED \$90 MILLION LAST YEAR TO PROTECT LAND OVER THEIR SEGMENT OF THE EDWARD'S AQUIFER, AND WE

HOPE THAT AUSTIN WILL FOLLOW SUIT AND LET OUR VOTERS DO THE SAME, BUT I DO WANT TO HIGHLIGHT SOME MISSED OPPORTUNITIES. THE LAND THAT IS DIRECTLY ABOVE BARTON SPRINGS, THE APARTMENT BUILDINGS THAT WERE THE SOURCE OF THE CONTROVERSY A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO, THE CITY HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO BUY THAT, BUT TURNED IT DOWN. THE LAND THAT IS NOW THE LOST CREEK SUBDIVISION AND GOLF COURSE ON BARTON CREEK, THE CITY WAS OFFERED THAT LAND DECADES AGO, BUT TURNED IT DOWN. THE 4,000-ACRE CIRCLE C RANCH WAS OFFERED TO THE CITY, BUT THEY TURNED IT DOWN. AND WE COULD HAVE PRESERVED THOSE AND WOULD HAVE SAVED MONEY AND OF COURSE PREVENTED TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF POLLUTION. HERE'S CIRCLE C BEFORE IT WAS DEVELOPED. THE ROADS WERE EXTENDED AND NOW WE HAVE 3,000 HOMES OVER THE RECHARGE ZONE. SO WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE MISS THOSE CONSERVATION OPPORTUNITIES? WE HAVE CONSTRUCTION, IT RAINS, AND WE HAVE RUNOFF RUNNING OFF THE ROADS AND CONSTRUCTION SITES BRINGING DIRTY WATER INTO THE AQUIFER AND OUT OF THE SPRINGS AND BRINGING WITH IT A LOT OF NASTY POLLUTANTS, HEAVY METALS, PESTICIDES, HYDROCARBONS, WHICH THE CITY STAFF HAS DILIGENTLY MONITORED AND AT LEAST WE KNOW -- WE HAVE AN ASSESSMENT OF WHAT'S IN THE WATER. WHAT'S THE FUTURE LOOK LIKE FOR THE BARTON SPRINGS WATERSHED? WE HAVE A MASSIVE AMOUNT OF DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED. THE CITY STAFF HAS IDENTIFIED 7500 ACRES IN THE RECHARGE ZONE ALONE THAT ARE THREATENED WITH IMMINENT DEVELOPMENT. WE ALSO HAVE A HIGHWAY PLAN TO SPEND \$1.25 MILLION WIDENING ROADS IN THE BARTON SPRINGS WATERSHED ALONE. HOW DO THEY JUSTIFY THIS? WELL, THESE DEVELOPMENTS HAPPEN, ALL THESE PEOPLE WILL BE DRIVING ALL OVER THE HIGHWAYS EVERYDAY AND THAT'S THE JUSTIFICATION FOR WIDENING ALL OF THE ROADS. BUT RIGHT NOW YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PAINT A DIFFERENT FUTURE FOR THIS VERY FRAGILE WATERSHED THAT BENEFITS THE CITY. THIS MAP SHOWS SOME OF THE GREAT WORK VALERIE BRISTOL WAS MENTIONING EARLIER THAT THE CITY HAS DONE. I WANT TO POINT OUT SOME OF THESE PROPERTIES, THE CITY DID SOME INNOVATIVE CONSERVATION WITH. THEY BOUGHT THE

LAND FEE SIMPLE, PUT RESTRICTIONS ON IT TO MINIMIZE DEVELOPMENT DWOEMENT AND THEN SOLD THE LAND, PUT IT BACK ON THE MARKET TO RECOUP THE MONEY. THAT WAS VERY CREATIVE STRATEGY THAT WE ENCOURAGE THE CITY TO EMPLOY AGAIN. SO WE DO HAVE A VISIONARY BOND -- IF WE DO HAVE A VISIONARY BOND WE CAN GO OUT AND PROTECT THOUSANDS OF ACRES AND ACTUALLY CONNECT SOME OF THE DARK GREEN, THE EXISTING PRESERVES WITH LIGHT GREEN, WHICH COULD BE NEW PRESERVES. AND WE COULD HAVE VAST WATERSHED PRESERVE SYSTEMS THAT GENERATIONS COULD ENJOY, WE CAN PUT TRAILS ON THEM, WE CAN ENJOY THEM BOTH ON THE LAND AND OF COURSE THE MAIN OBJECTIVE IS TO PROTECT THE WATER. WE CAN PROTECT VIEWS LIKE THAT IN THE BARTON SPRINGS WATERSHED, WE CAN HAVE CLEAN WATER FLOWING IN BARTON SPRINGS, CLEAN WATER GOING INTO THE AQUIFER, THROUGH THE CREEKS, AND CLEAN WATER COMING OUT OF THE SPRINGS. AND IT'S BEEN SAID BEFORE TONIGHT THAT IT'S NOW OR NEVER. WE KNOW WHAT THE REAL ESTATE MARKET IS LIKE. AND THIS IS -- FOR ALL SEVEN OF YOU, THIS IS YOUR LEGACY, YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO LET THE VOTERS DECIDE WHAT TYPE OF FUTURE WE WANT. AND I'LL AGAIN REMIND YOU -- WELL, I'LL REMIND YOU THE VOTE THE CITY COUNCIL TOOK TO ACCEPT COLONEL ZILKER'S DONATION OF BARTON SPRINGS TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE CITY BOUGHT IT FROM THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, WAS TWO TO ONE. SO IF THAT ONE OTHER VOTE HAD SAID IT COST TOO MUCH, WE DON'T NEED IT, BARTON SPRINGS COULD HAVE A HOTEL OVER IT, COULD BE PRIVATELY OWNED. BUT THOSE COUNCILMEMBERS BACK IN THE EARLY 1900'S HAD THE VISION, AT LEAST TWO OF THEM DID, TO SAY IT'S WORTH IT AND WE NEED TO PAY FOR IT, SO WE ASK YOU TO SHARE THAT VISION AND HELP PROTECT THIS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. CLARK. ANDREW CLEMENTS. WELCOME. JEFF JACK, SHILLER LOWELL, LEON BAR BAR BEAR RISH.

MAYOR, MAYOR PRO TEM, CITY COUNCILMEMBERS, I BROUGHT AS MANY STICKERS AS I COULD THAT SUPPORT THE BOND ISSUE KIND OF LIKE LANCE ARMSTRONG DOES

WHEN HE DOES IT FOR HIS SPONSORS. >>

Mayor Wynn: YOU COULD PUT ONE ON YOUR HEAD.

I THOUGHT ABOUT IT. THESE ARE ALREADY ON THE BOND ISSUES. I WANT TO SPEAK TO TWO ISSUES FOR ARGUMENTS TO GET BACK ON THE BOND ISSUE. THE FIRST IS THE WALLER CREEK FLOOD TUNNEL. IT WAS A BIG TICKET ITEM AND I'M SURE IT WAS A SIGH OF RELIEF WHEN THE BOND ADVISORY COMMITTEE X'D THAT ONE OFF BECAUSE IT REALLY SAVED A LOT OF ARGUMENTS, GAVE IT \$42 MILLION, I'LL REMIND YOU THAT THE CBS GILLETTE REPORT SHOWS THAT IT'S THE ONE ISSUE BEING CONSIDERED FOR THE BOND ISSUE THAT PAYS FOR ITSELF AND ABOVE, PAYS BACK THE MONEY THAT IS INVESTED INTO THAT FLOOD TUNNEL. I WOULD ARGUE FOR ALL OF THE 42 MILLION, BUT I WOULD ARGUE FOR ADDING 21 MILLION BACK IN TO THE BOND ISSUE. JUST TO SHOW THE COUNTY THAT YOUR SERIOUS ABOUT SUPPORTING THE WEEK FLOOD TUNNEL. AND SORT OF ESPECIALLY FA SIZE THE FACT THAT THEY NEED TO COME UP WITH THE OTHER HALF. AND I'LL ADD THAT I THINK IT'S ALMOST A FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITY BECAUSE THE VOTERS HAVE PREVIOUSLY VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE WALLER CREEK FLOOD TUNNEL. SO I THINK THERE'S ALMOST A FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITY TO GET THE VOTERS A CHANCE TO APPROVE THE ADDITIONAL FUNDS NECESSARY. THE OTHER ISSUE THAT I WANT TO STRONGLY SUPPORT BOTH AS PRESIDENT OF THE DOWNTOWN AUSTIN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION AND BEING ON THE DOWNTOWN COMMISSION IS RESTORING THE \$500,000 FOR THE SUZANNE DIKS INSON RESTORATION. IT'S IN A FIVE HUNDRED MILLION TO SIX HUNDRED-MILLION-DOLLAR BOND ISSUE. FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS IS REALLY SORT OF A DROP IN THE BUCKET. AND I'LL POINT TO ANOTHER ISSUE THAT I STRONGLY SUPPORT IS THE CENTRAL LIBRARY AND THAT'S BEEN CUT TO THE BARE BONES. BUT STILL INCLUDED. BUT I ALSO KNOW THE LIBRARY FOUNDATION AND SOME OTHER PEOPLE ARE REALLY GEARING UP TO RAISE THE ADDITIONAL FUNDS THEY NEED TO ACCOMPLISH THAT PROJECT, AND I THINK SOMEHOW \$10 MILLION HAS BEEN ADDED BACK IN FOR THE MAC AND THE ASIAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER. I WOULD ASK EITHER THOSE PROJECTS OR EVEN THE ANIMAL SHELTER, WHICH AS AN

TREKT I KNOW THAT -- AS AN ARCHITECT I KNOW THAT AT \$300 A FOOT IS AN AMAZING BUDGET. I WOULD ASK THAT ANY OF THOSE FACILITIES OR ANY OF THE BUILDING PROJECTS BEING CONSIDERED, ASK THEM TO REALLY FIND OUT WHAT THEIR BARE BONES IS TO ACCOMPLISH THEIR PROJECT AND GET THE MINIMAL AMOUNT FOR \$500,000. BACK INTO THE SUSANA DICK INSON HOUSE RESTORATION. I KNOW THEY WILL BE HURT IN THEIR ABILITY TO GET GRANTS IF THE CITY OF AUSTIN DOESN'T SHOW SUPPORT FOR THEM. I THINK THEY WILL BE HURT DOUBLY BY NOT BEING ABLE TO GO OUT AND GET OTHER GRANTS IF THEY'RE NOT SUPPORTED IN THE BOND ISSUE. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. CLEMENTS. JEFF JACK, WELCOME. TO BE FOLLOWED BY LEON BARISH, TO BE FOLLOWED BY ROGER BAKER.

MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBERS, I'M JEFF JACK, I'M JUST HERE TO SPEAK FOR MYSELF THIS EVENING. FIRST I WANT TO THANK COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS AND COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ FOR THEIR SERVICE ON THE COUNCIL. WE'LL MISS YOU. TODAY YOU'VE HEARD LOTS OF THINGS ABOUT A WHOLE BUNCH OF DIFFERENT ITEMS THAT MAY GO IN THIS BOND PACKAGE. IT'S AN APPROPRIATE THING TO SUPPORT OUR CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND HISTORY. THE ASIAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER, THE MEXICARTE, THE DICK ENS HOUSE, THESE ARE ALL GOOD PROJECTS. IT'S GOOD TO SUPPORT OUR LIBRARY, ALTHOUGH I'M NOT A FAN OF THE CENTRAL LIBRARY, I'M PREDISPOSED TO NEIGHBORHOOD LIBRARIES, BUT IT NEEDS TO BE DONE. IT'S TIME TO SUPPORT ZACH SCOTT. 20 YEARS AGO WE PASSED A BOND ELECTION TO BUILD ZACH SCOTT'S BIG THEATER AND MY FIRM WAS CHOSEN TO DESIGN THAT. AND THE BUST CAME IN THE MID 80'S AND IT NEVER GOT BUILT. SO NOW IT'S TIME TO GET IT BACK ON TRACK. WE'RE IN A CRISIS WITH HOUSING. WE CERTAINLY NEED AFFORDABLE HOUSING BONDS. IT MAY BE A STOPGAP MEASURE, BUT IT'S NEEDED NOW. AND WHILE ALL OF THESE PROJECTS ARE WITHOUT QUESTION NEEDED, THERE IS ONE PROPOSED ITEM IN THE BOND PACKAGE THAT SHOULD BE OUR FIRST PRIORITY, AND THAT'S LAND ACQUISITION. NO ONE LIKES DELAYS OR CUTBACKS IN FUNDING FOR PROJECTS, BUT WE CANNOT DELAY OR CUT BACK THE FUNDING WE NEED NOW FOR LAND ACQUISITION

TO PROTECT THE AQUIFER AND TO OBTAIN OPEN GREEN SPACE. IF WE DON'T BUY THE LAND NOW, IT'S GOING TO GET BOUGHT, IT'S GOING TO BE DEVELOPED AND IT'S GONE FOREVER. THIS COUNCIL HAS REDUCED THE TOTAL OF THIS BOND PACKAGE TO WHAT I THINK YOU FEEL IS COMFORTABLE WINNING VOTER APPROVAL IN NOVEMBER. UNFORTUNATELY, THIS HAS PITTED ONE INTEREST GROUP AGAINST ANOTHER FOR THE SCALED DOWN AS YOU'VE HEARD TONIGHT. AND I ASSUME THAT THIS WAS DONE OUT OF FEAR THAT A LARGER BOND PACKAGE WOULD NOT GAIN VOTERS' APPROVAL. SO I'M HERE TONIGHT TO OFFER YOU A SOLUTION TO THIS DILEMMA. COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL, COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN HAVE BOTH OFFERED PROPOSALS TO DEAL WITH THE RISING PROPERTY TAXES IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN. IF BETWEEN NOW AND NOVEMBER THIS COUNCIL COMES TOGETHER WITH A SIGNIFICANT PACKAGE TO REDUCE PROPERTY TAXES, AT THE SAME TIME A SIGNIFICANT BOND PACKAGE TO ADDRESS ALL OF THESE ISSUES THAT WE'VE COME UP WITH, YOU WILL HAVE THE SUPPORT OF ALL THESE PEOPLE OUT HERE FOR THAT BOND PACKAGE WITHOUT THE RESISTANCE OF THE RESIDENTIAL RATE RATEPAYERS. SO I'M CHALLENGING YOU TONIGHT TO HAVE SOME COURAGE, STEP UP TO THE PLATE, PUT THE MONEY ON THE TABLE AND THEN FOLLOW THROUGH WITH A TRUE EFFORT, BRINGING TO FRUITION BEFORE NOVEMBER A REDUCTION IN OUR RESIDENTIAL TAX BURDEN, AND YOU'LL WIN ON BOTH COUNTS. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

Mayor Wynn: LEON BARISH, WELCOME. FOLLOWED BY ROGER BAKER.

THANK YOU, MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL. I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS Y'ALL THIS EVENING. MY NAME IS LYON BARI -- LEON BARISH. I'M HERE AS REPRESENTING FRIENDS OF DEEP EDDY. WHEN I HEADED TO COUNCIL THIS EVENING I CAME FROM DEEP EDDY POOL AND I CAN REPORT TO YOU AT THE TIME THAT THERE WERE ABOUT 450 KIDS AND THEIR PARENTS CELEBRATING THE END OF ANOTHER SCHOOL YEAR. AND THEY WERE HAVING A GREAT TIME. IN THAT GREAT POOL. 90 YEARS AGO IN 1916, A FELLOW BY THE NAME OF CHARLES JOHNSON HAD A CRAZY IDEA TO BUILD A WORLD CLASS SWIMMING POOL ON THE

BANKS OF THE COLORADO RIVER. AND HE DID IT AND DURING THE DEPRESSION, HARD TIMES CAME UPON HIM AND HIS FAMILY AND THEY HAD TO OFFER THE POOL TO THE CITY, BUT IN THAT 20-YEAR PERIOD, LONG BEFORE BARTON SPRINGS WAS OF ANY CONCERN TO ANYBODY AS A PLACE OF RECREATION IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, DEEP EDDY POOL WAS THE PLACE FOR SUMMER RECREATION. IT IS WHERE EVERYONE CAME TO COOL OFF IN THE SPRING FED WATERS OF DEEP EDDY POOL. THE CITY COUNCIL, SIMILAR TO THE TWO TO ONE VOTE TO PURCHASE THE LAND OF ZILKER PARK, ALSO MADE A WISE DECISION IN 1935 TO PURCHASE DEEP EDDY POOL AND THE SURROUNDING ACREAGE FOR THE GRAND SUM OF \$10,000. WELL, TODAY WE STILL ARE USING 90 YEARS LATER THE ORIGINAL SHELL OF THAT POOL. AND I WANT TO THANK THE BOND ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND I WANT TO THANK THE COUNCIL AND STAFF FOR PROVIDING THE FUNDS IN THIS BOND PACKAGE TO REPLACE THE POOL SHELL. I'M NOT SURE IF THERE'S ANY OTHER CITY PROPERTY THAT IS STILL USING SOMETHING THAT IS 90 YEARS OLD IN TERM OF ITS INFRASTRUCTURE. SO I WANT TO THANK YOU, I WANT TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO KEEP THAT MONEY IN THERE, AND I WANT TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO KEEP ALL OF THE OTHER MONEY THAT IS IN THE BOND PACKAGE FOR PARKS. IT'S NO SECRET THAT PARKS HAVE SUFFERED GREATLY IN THE LAST 20 YEARS OR SO IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN. WE HAVE TO KEEP -- WE HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF WHAT WE HAVE AND I WOULD SUGGEST WE HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF WHAT WE HAVE BEFORE WE START BUILDING OTHER THINGS, ALTHOUGH THERE ARE A LOT OF GREAT PROJECTS IN THIS PROPOSED BOND PACKAGE. LASTLY I WOULD SAY, A WEEK FROM SATURDAY ON JUNE 3rd, AT THE POOL, WE WILL CELEBRATE THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF DEEP EDDY POOL, AND I ENCOURAGE ALL OF Y'ALL TO COME FROM 5:00 UNTIL DARK, AND ENJOY THE COOL WATERS OF DEEP EDDY POOL AND HELP US CELEBRATE THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF WHAT TRULY IS A GEM AND PROBABLY ONE OF THE MOST UNIQUE SWIMMING POOLS IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. BARISH. ROGER BAKER TO BE FOLLOWED BY GERONIMO RODRIGUEZ. CLIFF BROWN.

GOOD EVENING. I WANT TO TALK ABOUT SOME GENERIC

PROBLEMS WITH THE BOND FUNDING PROCESS. AND THIS APPLIES TO ALL THE BONDS AND IT SHOWS ME THAT YOU DON'T ALWAYS GET WHAT YOU THINK YOU'RE VOTING FOR. LET ME JUST FOCUS ON TRANSPORTATION. THE BOND FUND RECOMMENDATION WOULD HAVE US BORROW \$85 MILLION TO RECONSTRUCT OUR STREETS. YET FIVE YEARS FROM NOW, EVEN IF WE BORROW AND SPEND ALL THIS MONEY, 27 PERCENT OF OUR STREETS WOULD STILL BE CLASSIFIED AS IN POOR OR FAILED CONDITION. THE SAME AS TODAY. THE BOTTOM LINE IS THAT THE CITY IS PLANNING FOR THE MAJORITY OF CITY STREETS TO BE IN FAIR, POOR OR FAILED CONDITION AS FAR AS WE CAN SEE INTO THE FUTURE. VOTERS SHOULD BE ASKING HOW THINGS GOT SO BAD. LOOK AT HOW THE CITY HANDLED THE LAST BIG BOND PROJECT IS REVEALING, ABOUT FIVE YEARS AGO IN 2000, THE VOTERS APPROVED \$150 MILLION IN AUSTIN TRANSPORTATION BONDS. WHERE DID THIS MONEY GO? IN FACT, NONE OF THIS MONEY WENT INTO STREET REPAIR. FOR THE FIRST FIVE YEARS, UNTIL THIS YEAR, 100% OF OUR 2000 BOND MONEY, OR 67 MILLION, WAS SPENT JUST ON THE RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR SH 130 AND SH 45 TOLL ROADS. NOT A PENNY WENT ANYWHERE ELSE. THERE WAS BOND LANGUAGE ON THE BALLOT THAT SAID IT WOULD IMPROVE ROADWAY INTERSECTIONS, HIGH OCCUPANCY VEHICLE LANES, IMPROVED BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITY INFRASTRUCTURE, YET NONE OF THIS OTHER STUFF ON THE BALLOT GOT BUILT DESPITE WHAT THE VOTERS MIGHT HAVE THOUGHT. AT THE TIME THERE WAS A RESTRICTIVE BOND COVENANT THAT SAID THAT THEY HAD TO DO A STUDY AND THEN BRING IT TO THE COUNCIL TO PROVE THAT THE ROAD PROJECTS ARE NECESSARY. SO I USED THE OPEN RECORDS ACT AND SAID, WHERE'S THE INFORMATION ON SH 130? THEY SAID, THAT'S NOT A ROAD, THAT'S A HIGHWAY. CAN YOU IMAGINE THAT? IT'S SEMANTICS THAT THEY'RE USING TO EVADE STUDIES THAT WERE SUPPOSED TO BE DONE. AND THERE WERE -- WE'RE NOW DESIGNING OTHER ROADS. AND THE WAY WE'RE DESIGNING THEM IS WE'RE DESIGNING THEM FIRST, THEN WE'RE GOING TO DO THE STUDY THAT SHOWS WHETHER THEY'RE NECESSARY OR NOT JUST BEFORE WE -- YOU KNOW, SIGN THE CONTRACTS. THAT'S BACKWARD PLANNING. IT'S A WASTE OF MONEY TO DO IT THAT WAY. BUT, YOU KNOW, THAT'S THE WAY WE'RE DOING

IT. I THINK THAT'S PROOF THAT WE NEED STRONG GUARANTEES IN ADVANCE OF WHAT THE MONEY'S GOING TO BE USED FOR OR ELSE IT WILL ALL GET SIPHONED OFF IN THESE POLITICAL DEALS LIKE SH 130. [ BUZZER SOUNDS ] AND THAT'S THE BIGGEST BLACK HOLE AROUND IS SH 130.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. GERONIMO RODRIGUEZ, CLIFF BROWN? MARY ELLEN FOREGUILT.

WHILE CLIFF IS COMING DOWN, I'M GOING TO HAVE TO RESPOND TO THIS ROGER, JUST QUICKLY. THE 2000 BONDS HAD A VERY SPECIFIC PURPOSE THAT WAS IN THE PACKAGE. THEY HAD TO BE SPENT ON RIGHT-OF-WAY OR CAPACITY BUILDING ROAD PROJECTS. THEY COULD NOT BY THE VERY NATURE OF THAT BOND PACKAGE BE USED FOR ROAD RECONSTRUCTION OR ROAD MAINTENANCE. ONE, YOU CAN'T BOND MAINTENANCE, AND TWO, THE BONDS WERE DESIGNED TO BE CAPACITY AND RIGHT-OF-WAY ONLY SO THAT YOU COULDN'T DO RECONSTRUCTION, WHICH IS ALLOWED TO BE BONDED. SO IT WENT EXACTLY AS IT WAS LAID OUT TO DO THE HIGHWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY, WHICH THE CITY IS REQUIRED TO DO ON STATE FUNDED HIGHWAYS, AND THEN THE REMAINING MONEY, WHICH IS 15 MILLION A YEAR AFTER THE RIGHT-OF-WAY IS DONE, IS GOING INTO BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN AND A VARIETY OF OTHER PROJECTS. AND I'LL TELL YOU WHAT, I'LL GET YOU AN ACCOUNTING FOR EVERY BIT OF THAT YEAR BY YEAR, BUT IT'S MISLEADING TO IMPLY THAT MONEY COULD HAVE BEEN USED FOR SOMETHING IT WAS SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED NOT TO BE USED FOR.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, CITY MANAGER. IS MARTHA DIP SI STILL HERE? SHE WANTED TO DONATE TIME TO YOU CLIFF?

I UNDERSTAND. I'M NOT GOING TO COMPLAIN, I'M JUST GOING TO USE THREE MINUTES. MY NAME IS CLIFF BROWN AND I'M HERE IN SUPPORT OF THE NORTH AUSTIN COMMUNITY CENTER THAT'S ON THE BOND PACKAGE. I'M THE ASSISTANT DA HERE IN TRAVIS COUNTY, AND FOR THE BETTER PART TWOF YEARS I WAS ASSIGNED AS THE NEIGHBORHOOD DA AND THE NORTH AUSTIN CORRIDOR OF AUSTIN. AND -- NORTH CENTRAL CORRIDOR OF AUSTIN. AND AS PART OF MY RESPONSIBILITIES, I WAS TO WORK WITH

DIFFERENT COMMUNITY GROUPS, ORGANIZATIONS AND RESIDENTS ALONG WITH THE POLICE TO KIND OF COALESCE AROUND DIFFERENT QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUES THAT FACE THE COMMUNITY. AND ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT THINGS I REFLECT ALONG, HAVING BEEN MOVED OUT OF THAT POSITION OVER THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS BECAUSE THE MONEY RAN OUT, I RETROSPECTIVELY LOOK AT IT AND ONE OF THE THOSE THINGS IS WHAT BRINGS ME HERE TODAY AND THAT IS THE CREATION OF THE NORTH AUSTIN COMMUNITY CENTER TASKFORCE. AND I'M ENCOURAGED EVEN AT THIS LATE HOUR, I'M EXCITED TO BE HERE AND I'M JUST ENCOURAGED THAT WE'VE GOTTEN SO FAR THROUGH THE PROCESS. AND IT'S ENCOURAGING TO ME BECAUSE I GET TO SEE WHAT -- WHEN YOU GET A GROUP OF PEOPLE FROM DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS, WE HAD BANKERS, LAWYERS, WE HAD MINISTERS IN THE COMMUNITY THAT CAN COALESCE AROUND AN ISSUE THAT AFFECTS NERVE, YOU GET TO SEE THAT YOU CAN BE A DRIVING FORCE TOWARDS A POSITIVE CHANGE. I DON'T KNOW IF MANY OF YOU KNOW, BUT WHEN I SAY NORTH CENTRAL AUSTIN, THE BOUNDARIES I'M SPEAKING OF IS THE SOUTH END OF 183, NORTH END OF PARMER LANE, WEST 35 AND EAST END OF MOPAC. AND I DON'T KNOW IF ANY OF YOU KNOW, BUT THERE IS NOT A COMMUNITY CENTER WITHIN THAT BOUNDARY. THAT AREA ENCOMPASSES ABOUT 55,000 RESIDENTS OF AUSTIN. THERE ARE 17 OTHER COMMUNITY CENTERS WITHIN THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND ZERO IN THAT AREA. WE'VE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT TO THE FULL BOND ELECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE, THE FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE, AND WE WERE ABLE TO POINT OUT THAT THIS IS A VERY DIVERSE AREA, IT'S A LARGELY HISPANIC AREA. THERE'S A GROWING ASIAN POPULATION, AFRICAN-AMERICAN AS WELL AS CAUCASIAN. BUT MOST SIGNIFICANTLY, THERE ARE A LARGE NUMBER OF JUVENILES IN THAT AREA, PERSONS UNDER 18, AND ALSO A LARGE NUMBER OF PERSONS WHO ARE SEASONED -- SENIOR CITIZENS. AND SO IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THERE ARE CERTAIN STATISTICS -- I'M NOT GOING TO BORE WITH YOU A BUNCH OF STATISTICS BECAUSE I KNOW THAT'S ALL YOU GET INUNDATED WITH ALL THE TIME, BUT THE MOST NOTEWORTHY STATISTIC THAT WAS GIVEN TO US IN ONE OF THE FULL COMMITTEES OF THE BOND ELECTION ADVISORY

COMMITTEE IS BY THE THEN COMMANDER OF THE NORTH CENTRAL AREA, ROBERT GROSS. ONE OF THE THINGS HE WAS ABLE TO POINT OUT TO THE COMMITTEE WAS THAT THAT AREA, THAT NORTH CENTRAL COMMAND AREA HAS THE LARGEST AMOUNT OF JUVENILE CRIME WITHIN THE CITY OF AUSTIN. AND WE THINK IT'S NOT AN ACCIDENT, IT'S NOT A MISTAKE AND IT'S NOT A COINCIDENCE THAT THERE'S A LACK OF A COMMUNITY CENTER IN THAT AREA. AND IT'S SOMETHING THAT REALLY, REALLY NEEDS TO BE CORRECTED. [ BUZZER SOUNDS ] I KNOW THAT YOU GUYS HAVE A LOT OF ISSUES BEFORE YOU, AND IT'S NOT A MANNER OF NEED. IT WAS POINTED OUT TO US THAT ANYBODY WOULD ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THERE'S A NEED. I UNDERSTAND THAT AND THERE'S BEEN SO MANY DIFFERENT WORTHY CAUSES SPOKEN ABOUT HERE TODAY, HOMELESSNESS, HOUSING, AFFORDABLE HOUSING, THE ARTS, AND I'M SURE THERE'S LOTS OF OTHER ISSUES THAT YOU AREN'T EVEN BEING ADVOCATED ABOUT TODAY. BUT I WOULD JUST MAKE A PLEA TO YOU THAT 17-0 IS A PROBLEM AND I BELIEVE IT'S A PROBLEM THAT REALLY NEEDS TO BE CORRECTED AND I WOULD URGE TO YOU DO SO. I WOULD LIKE TO PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGE COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLEY WHO HAS BEEN VERY SUPPORTIVE OF OUR GROUP. STEWART STRONG WHO HAS MET WITH US ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS AND JASON BACHELOR WHO HAS BEEN JUST A TREMENDOUS GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT TO US. AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, AND FOR YOUR SERVICE. MARY ELLEN FOREGUILT. IS CATHERINE MOORE STILL HERE? CATHERINE WANTED TO DONATE TIME TO YOU. YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES AND BE FOLLOWED BY PAT (INDISCERNIBLE), FOLLOWED BY PF LABA.

YES, MAYOR WYNN AND CITY COUNCILMEMBERS. AS YOU KNOW, I WAS HERE UNTIL 1:00 O'CLOCK LAST WEEK, BUT I DECIDED TO WAIT MY PLACE IN TURN TONIGHT. AND I'VE LEARNED A LOT AND I APPRECIATE THIS PROCESS AND I REALLY APPRECIATE THE POSITION YOU'RE IN IN YOUR SERVICE TO THE CITY OF AUSTIN. I'M MARY ELLEN FOREGUILT, A VOLUNTEER SERVING ON THE SAVE AMERICA'S TREASURES RESTORATION COMMITTEE ON THE ELIZABETH NEY MUSEUM. I'M PLEASSED TO BE ABLE TO SEEK

YOUR SUPPORT FOR REINSTATING THE ELIZABETH NEY MUSEUM IN THE 2006 BOND PACKAGE FOR \$500,000. AT THE MOMENT WE HAVE ALREADY RAISED ALMOST \$350,000 IN FEDERAL FUNDS PRIMARILY AS WELL AS STATE AND LOCAL FUNDS BOTH FROM PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS, FOUNDATIONS AND THE CITY'S CULTURAL AFFAIRS DECISIONS WHICH DOES A GREAT JOB ADMINISTERING THE MUSEUM. THESE FUNDS WERE GIVEN TO HELP BRING ABOUT A DESPERATELY NEEDED RESTORATION OF THE BUILDING, WHICH IS SUFFERING EXTREME STRUCTURAL DETERIORATION AND THE GROUNDS. THE FUNDS ARE MATCHING FUNDS PRIMARILY, REQUIRING YOUR ENDORSEMENT IN THE FUND -- IN THE FORM OF MATCHING FUNDS FROM THE MUSEUM'S OWNER, THE CITY OF AUSTIN. THE TIMING OF THE BOND PACKAGE COULDN'T BE BETTER AS WITH THE BOND FUNDING WE CAN PROCEED WITH RESPONSIBLY RAISING AN ESTIMATED TWO MILLION TOTAL TO GET THIS MIEWJ OUT OF THE WOODS. OF ALL THE CULTURAL FACILITIES BEING CONSIDERED, I THINK WE ARE A HANDFUL OR -- THAT HAS ALREADY RAISED A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF FUNDS EXTERNALLY. THESE INITIAL FENDZ R. FUNDS WILL BE LOST WITHOUT YOUR MATCH OF \$500,000, AND WITHOUT YOUR HELP WE'LL SEND A POOR MESSAGE TO THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS, FOUNDATIONS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR WITH WHOM WE WILL CONTACT NEXT TO WORK IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY OF AUSTIN TO SAVE THIS MUSEUM. WHY DO WE LIMP ALONG UNDERFUNDED WHEN AN ARTIST OF SUCH WORLD REKNOWN, WHOSE HEART'S DESIRE SHE SAID WHEN SHE STARTED, WAS TO KNOW THE GREAT PERSONS OF THE WORLD, AND THAT DESIRE ENCOMPASSED IN FAMOUS TEXANS? WHY WOULD WE LIMP ALONG AND UNDERFUND THIS IN IN HER MAGNIFICENT GIFT OF SCULPTURE? WHY WHEN WE HAVE HER HOME AND STUDIO, THE FIRST ART MUSEUM IN TEXAS, LITERALLY WHERE THE ARTS BEGAN IN TEXAS? WHY DO WE FUND EMMA LONG WHEN OTHERWISE THOUSANDS COME TO THE MUSEUM, NEW COLLEGE STUDENTS, INTERNATIONAL VISITORS, STUDENTS FROM SCHOOLS IN HOUSTON, DALLAS, 2,000 SCHOOL CHILDREN IN AISD WHO COME, AND LIKE EVERYONE, BECOME INSPIRED, EDUCATED AND REFRESHED BY ITS BREATHTAKING BEAUTY AND PRICELESS COLLECTION. AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL, SAVE AMERICA'S TREASURES, A WHITE HOUSE INITIATIVE

ADMINISTERED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR  
RECOGNIZED WHAT WE HAVE HERE AND GAVE US 250,000. [ BUZZER SOUNDS ] I DIDN'T TIME IT VERY WELL. IT'S A NATIONAL LANDMARK. WE'RE FACING A CRISIS. WE MUST HAVE THE FUNDING. WE WERE IN THE MIDDLE OF IT. THE BOND FUNDING COMES AT AN EXCELLENT TIME IN THE HISTORY OF THIS MUSEUM. WE NEED YOU TO STEP FORWARD AND DO THE VITAL PART WE NEED TO PROCEED WITH THIS RESTORATION.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. ROBIN CRAVE I CRAVEY, WELCOME.

THANK YOU, MAYOR, THANKS FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK. MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBERS, CITY STAFF AND CITIZENS, I'M ROBIN CRAVEY. I'M HERE TONIGHT AS THE FOUNDING PRESIDENT OF THE FRIENDS OF BARTON SPRINGS POOL. FRIENDS OF BARTON SPRINGS POOL IS AN ORGANIZATION, A NEW ORGANIZATION THAT CAME INTO BEING THIS YEAR WITH THE MISSION TO RESTORE BARTON SPRINGS POOL TO ITS RIGHTFUL GLORY. WE AIM TO DO THAT THROUGH ADVOCACY, SERVICE, FUND-RAISING AND FUN. YOU MAY HAVE HEARD ABOUT OUR SERVICE PROJECTS. WE'VE MOBILIZED THOUSANDS OF VOLUNTEER TO COME DOWN TO THE POOL DURING THE THURSDAY CLOSINGS AND CLEAN THE POOL WITH OUR OWN HANDS. IT'S FUN. I'LL BE RETURNING TO TALK WITH YOU MORE ABOUT THE VERY SERIOUS NEEDS AT BARTON SPRINGS POOL AND ABOUT WHAT WE CAN DO. TONIGHT I WANT TO THANK YOU, MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS, FOR YOUR WORK ON BEHALF OF THE CITY. IT'S HARD WORK. DURING THE RECENT ECONOMIC DOWNTURN, THE COUNCIL WAS FORCED TO DRASTICALLY CUT THE BUDGET. THE CUTS WERE DEEP AND PAINFUL. THE ECONOMY HAS BEGUN TO RECOVER, BUT THE COUNCIL HAS NOT YET RESTORED THE BUDGET TO ITS FULL SERVICE LEVEL. IT'S NOT LIKE ALL OF THE CITY'S WORK WAS GETTING DONE BEFORE. EVEN DURING THE BOOM YEARS, STAFFING WAS SHORT AND MAINTENANCE WAS OFTEN DEFERRED YEAR AFTER YEAR. OUR CITY FACILITIES ARE IN A DEPLORABLE CONDITION. I'M A REGULAR SWIMMER AT BARTON SPRINGS AND THE POOL IS IN A TERRIBLE SHAPE, FROM THE BROKEN SHOWERS TO THE MURKY WATER TO THE GRAVEL FILLED DEEP END TO THE AGING DAM READY FOR FAILURE. AND BARTON SPRINGS IS JUST ONE OF THE

MANY NEGLECTED FACILITIES. IT'S EMBARRASSING. HOW CAN WE TALK ABOUT BUILDING NEW FACILITIES WHEN WE CAN'T STAFF OR MAINTAIN THE ONES WE HAVE. SO WHEN I LOOK AT THESE BOND PROPOSALS, THE ONES MOST JUSTIFIED ARE THE RENOVATION PROPOSALS. POOL AFTER POOL, REC CENTER TO LIBRARY, WE'RE LOOKING AT ROOFS AND FURNACE FURNACES AND AIR CONDITIONERS AND A.D.A. RAMPS THAT HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR YEARS AND DECADES. MANY PEOPLE SAY THAT THESE RENOVATIONS SHOULD HAVE BEEN DONE OUT OF OPERATING BUDGETS AS THE NEED AROSE. MAYBE SO, BUT THEY WEREN'T DONE. AND FORGIVE ME, BUT EXPERIENCE SUGGESTS THAT THEY WON'T BE DONE BY COUNCIL'S VOTING ON OPERATING BUDGETS. SO IN MY VIEW, THESE RENOVATION PROPOSALS ARE THE MOST PRESSING AND THE MOST RESPONSIBLE WHEN THE CITY IS STILL ON A TIGHT BUDGET. I'M NOT SPEAKING AGAINST ANY OF THE OTHER PROJECTS, I'M JUST SAYING LET'S CONCENTRATE ON RESTORING THE FACILITIES WE CHERISH TO -- CHERISH TO THEIR RIGHTFUL PRIDE, BEAUTY AND UTILITY. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

Mayor Wynn: EARLIER I CALLED PAT HUSEF, PM LAFA, FRANCES FERGUSON, DAVID MITS. IF YOU HEAR YOUR NAMES, PLEASE STEP FORWARD.

I'M SUSAN McHE WILL HANEY, I'M GOING TO GIVE JILL (INDISCERNIBLE) MY TIME. WE CHECKED THIS OUT BEFORE.

SO JAN, YOU WILL HAVE UP TO SIX MINUTES IF YOU NEED IT.

I'M AFRAID I'M A VICTIM OF -- MAYBE AN EXAMPLE OF THE DIGITAL DIVIDE BECAUSE I TRIED TO SIGN UP AND IT EVIDENTLY DIDN'T TAKE. THANK YOU, MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBERS, MY NAME IS JAN PATTERSON. I AM A JUSTICE ON THE COURT OF APPEALS. I SPEAK HERE TONIGHT ON MY OWN BEHALF. GROWING UP I WAS A CHILD OF PRIVILEGE. I WAS BORN IN AUSTIN, I GREW UP A CHILD WITH THE AUSTIN HISTORY CENTER AS MY LIBRARY. I ALWAYS CONSIDERED IT A GREAT PRIVILEGE TO WALK INTO THIS WONDERFUL BUILDING. IT WAS A MAGIC BUILDING. I WAS ITS YOUNGEST VOLUNTEER. THE CENTRAL LIBRARY CONTINUES TO BE THE HEART AND THE NERVE SYSTEM OF THE LIBRARY SYSTEM. AS A CHILD, MY MOTHER WOULD

BRING US TO TAKE US TO THE LIBRARY, AND WE'D GO INTO THIS MAGIC BUILDING. I WAS PERMITTED BY MY MOTHER TO CHECK OUT THREE BOOKS AT A TIME, ALTHOUGH I NOTICED THAT THERE WERE OTHERS WHO WOULD CHECK OUT FIVE AND EVEN MORE AT A TIME. AND THEN WE WOULD GO ACROSS THE STREET AND ROLL DOWN THE HILL AT WOOLDRIDGE PARK. BUT EVEN AS A CHILD I LEARNED A SENSE OF COMMUNITY FROM THE LIBRARY AND PARTICULARLY THE CENTRAL LIBRARY. WE DIDN'T NEED TO BUY BOOKS IN THOSE DAYS, WE BORROWED BOOKS. WE RECYCLED AND WE SHARED BOOKS WITH THE REST OF THE COMMUNITY THROUGH THE LIBRARY. IN THOSE DAYS THE LIBRARIAN STAMPED THE DATE DUE SLIP AND YOU COULD SEE HOW MANY OTHERS HAD ENJOYED THAT VERY SAME BOOK AND HAD SHARED THE EXPERIENCE AND THE JOY OF THAT BOOK WITH YOU. A LIBRARY IS FILLED WITH DREAMS, GOALS, PLANS, IDEAS, INSPIRATIONS, JOY, HOPE, NOT TO MENTION DIET AND NUTRITION BOOKS AND COOK BOOKS, MEDICARE INSTRUCTION, CONSUMER REPORTS, AND MEETINGS OF ALL KINDS AND EVERY KIND IMAGINABLE. A LIBRARY -- AND THIS CENTRAL LIBRARY IS THE ULTIMATE DEMOCRACY INSTITUTION AND TRULY THE ESSENCE AND LIFE BLOOD OF OUR DEMOCRACY. IT SAYS TO ALL CITIZENS IT'S FOR YOU, IT'S FOR ME. AND OF ALL OF OUR RESOURCES AND INSTITUTIONS, AND AS THEY ARE ALL TESTED, THIS ONE ENDURES. IT IS TRANSFORM TIF AND IT GIVES BACK THROUGH EVERY PERSON. AND I CONFESS WHEN I WATCHED PART OF AMERICAN IDOL LAST NIGHT, I REALIZED HOW VERY IMPORTANT IT IS FOR US TO MAKE THIS STATEMENT OF WHAT IT IS THAT WE TRULY VALUE. WE KNOW WHAT IS IMPORTANT. IT IS NOT THESE REALITY SHOWS, IT IS THE REALITY THAT WE NEED TO DO BETTER TO PRODUCE THINKING CITIZENS. IN A WORLD WHERE WE CANNOT GUARANTEE OUR CITIZENS FREEDOM FROM VIOLENCE OR POVERTY, WE CAN PROVIDE THE MEANS FOR THEM TO SEEK AND TO STRIVE. IN HONOR OF THE SEEKERS AND THE STRIVERS, I URGE YOU TO FULLY FUND THE LIBRARY OR AT LEAST TO THE \$90 MILLION. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND ATTENTION.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, JUDGE PATTERSON, FOR YOUR SERVICE. DAVID MINGZ, WELCOME. YOU HAD A NUMBER OF

FOLKS WANTING TO DONATE TIME TO YOU. IS IRA STRANGE STILL HERE? HOW ABOUT TINA (INDISCERNIBLE).

I BELIEVE SHE LEFT.

Mayor Wynn: AND BOB BRUSH? YOU HAVE UP TO SIX MINUTES IF YOU NEED IT, DAVID. WELCOME.

I'LL TRY TO BE BRIEF. GOOD EVENING, MY NAME IS DAVID MINZ, CHAIR OF THE AUSTIN LIBRARY COMMISSION. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSAL TO FULLY FUND THE \$90 MILLION IN THE RECOMMENDED AMOUNT FOR A NEW CENTRAL LIBRARY. WHAT I'D LIKE TO DO IS SHOW A VERY BRIEF, ABOUT TWO MINUTE VIDEO. I KNOW WE'VE TALKED A LOT ABOUT HOW CHILDREN USED THE LIBRARY. THIS VIDEO SHOWS HOW SOME OF THE ADULTS USE THE LIBRARY. AND THEN AFTER THAT I'LL HAVE JUST A FEW VERY BRIEF COMMENTS. THANK YOU.

SO I TELL THE KIDS THAT IT'S THE ONLY CREDIT CARD YOU WILL EVER NEED AND THEY RAISE THEIR HANDS AND SAY MASTERCARD, VEES I CAN'T. AND I LET THEM GUESS, AND SOMETIMES THEY GET IT RIGHT, BUT IT'S YOUR LIBRARY CARD. YOU CAN TAKE IT IN, YOU CAN GO SHOPPING FOR BOOKS AND CD'S AND DVD'S AND YOU CAN SORT OF BUY THESE THINGS. AND I TELL THEM THAT EVEN THOUGH THEY HAVE TO RETURN THE THINGS, THAT YOU DON'T LET THE LIBRARIANS AREN'T PREJUDICED, THEY DON'T CARE HOW RICH OR POOR YOU ARE AND YOU GET TO KEEP ALL THE KNOWLEDGE, WHICH IS PRICELESS.

OUR REPOSETORY OF KNOWLEDGE. IF YOU WANTED TO SEE THE FIRST BIBLE EVER PRINTED, YOU COULD GO LOOK AT IT, YOU KNOW? AND IF YOU WANTED TO FIND SOME ARREST CONTAIN BOOK ON RUSSIAN LAW, YOU COULD. YOU CAN TELL THE HEART OF A COMMUNITY BY HOW ACTIVE ITS LIBRARY SYSTEM IS.

LIBRARIES ARE MEANT FOR THE PUBLIC, FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC. AND THEREFORE THEY MUST BE IN EVERY NEIGHBORHOOD BECAUSE EACH NEIGHBORHOOD HAS

DIFFERENT DEMOGRAPHICS.

ALL SORTS OF PEOPLE, ALL DIFFERENT CULTURES, ALL DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS. AND IT'S GREAT. IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY FOR EVERYBODY TO COME TOGETHER.

THE FREE TRANSMISSION OF KNOWLEDGE BETWEEN INDIVIDUAL CITIZENS, WHETHER THEY HAVE THEIR OWN RESOURCES OR NOT.

TO MAKE IT SO THAT ANY PERSON, INDEPENDENT OF THEIR RACE, CREED, SEXUAL PREFERENCE, WHATEVER, LOCATION, CAN WALK INTO ONE PLACE AND KNOW THAT THEY COULD ACCESS THAT INFORMATION.

IT'S THE HEART AND SOUL OF A FREE SOCIETY, OF THE DEMOCRACY TO HAVE ACCESS TO INFORMATION THAT'S NOT LIMITED BY HOW MUCH MONEY YOU HAVE.

A LOT OF PEOPLE DON'T HAVE COMPUTERS AT HOME. SO THIS LIBRARY IS THEIR PRIMARY SOURCE OF BEING ABLE TO CONNECT WITH THE ENTIRE WORLD.

ON THE EAST SIDE BRANCHES PEOPLE GO TO THE LIBRARY FOR A RESOURCE, TO DO THEIR TAXES, HOW TO BUY A HOME, HOW DO YOU BUY A BUSINESS? SO THE LIBRARIES SERVE -- THEY STILL HAVE A PURPOSE.

I'VE MET PEOPLE HERE FROM -- PEOPLE WHO CAN HELP YOU WITH YOUR FINANCES. ONE GUY IN PARTICULAR WHO WAS INTO HELPING US TO INVEST OUR MONEY. HE ACTUALLY HELPED ME TO PLAN MY BUDGET. AND THAT WAS SOMETHING THAT WOULD NOT HAVE OCCURRED IF I HAD NOT COME TO THE LIBRARY.

AND THIS IS ONE OF THE FEW THINGS THAT IS REALLY TOTALLY FREE, AND THERE'S A LOT OF MONEY PUT INTO IT TO HAVE IT HERE. AND IT'S NOT A CHEAP SERVICE, IT'S A VERY EXPENSIVE SERVICE SO PROVIDE.

I WANT TO LIVE IN A GARAGE APARTMENT WITH A SMALL DOG AND A LAPTOP COMPUTER AND A LIBRARY CARD.

THAT'S ALL I WANT IN MY LIFE.

SUPPORT THE LIBRARY, PLEASE.

I WANT TO RESPOND TO JUST A COUPLE OF POINTS THAT YOU'VE HEARD THIS EVENING. I KNOW THAT \$90 MILLION IS A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF MONEY. I THINK THERE ARE SOME VERY IMPORTANT THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND. IF WE'RE TO BUILD THE KIND OF LIBRARY THAT WE WERE TO BUILD FOR THE CITY, WE WOULD BE ASKING FOR \$150 MILLION. IF WE WERE TO LOOK AT COMPARABLE SIZE CITIES, LIKE SEATTLE OR MINNEAPOLIS OR DENVER OR NASHVILLE, I WOULD BE STANDING HERE SAYING WE NEED 1 DWIEF MILLION DOLLARS. -- \$125 MILLION. \$90 MILLION IS REALLY A BARE BONES AMOUNT FOR US TO BUILD A FACILITY TO TO MEET THE CITY'S FUTURE NEEDS. IT'S IMPORTANT WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE CENTRAL LIBRARY, IT'S MORE THAN JUST THOSE BOOKS ON THE SHELF THAT WERE PROVIDING A SPACE FOR. THAT MONEY INCLUDES ADDITIONAL BOOKS, INCLUDES THE NEW TECHNOLOGY THAT'S NEEDED, INCLUDES THE SPACES FOR PEOPLE TO MEET AND TO CARRY AND BE ABLE TO READ. AND MOST IMPORTANTLY IT INCLUDES SOMETHING A LOT OF PEOPLE NEVER SEE, WHICH ARE THE ADMINISTRATIVE SPACES THAT ARE ALSO NEEDED FOR THE LIBRARY TO FUNCTION. [ONE MOMENT, PLEASE, FOR CHANGE IN CAPTIONERS]

AIM THE PASTOR AND FOUNDER OF DREAM CENTER AUSTIN, WE ARE THE SISTER ORGANIZATION TO THE DREAM CENTER THAT'S IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. WE CAME TO AUSTIN AND SET UP A DREAM CENTER HERE FOR ONE PURPOSE, TO HELP THOSE PEOPLE WHO CAN'T HELP THEMSELVES, WHAT I'M ADDRESSING TONIGHT IS FROWRS. WE FEED -- AFFORDABLE HOUSING, WE FEED 3,000 PEOPLE PER MONTH THROUGH OUR FOOD PANTRY THAT COSTS THEM ABSOLUTELY NOTHING TO COME THERE. 300 CHILDREN CARED FOR THROUGH OUR FOOD PANTRY OPERATION. 300 LITTLE CHILDREN. YOU HAVE TO KNOW THAT IF PEOPLE ARE COMING TO US TO GET GROCERIES, THEY ARE NOT LIVING IN A VERY GOOD PLACE. THAT THEY ARE HAVING DIFFICULTY. SO IT'S AN -- IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE UNDERSTAND THAT HOW WE LIVE DOESN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON IN LARGE PARTS OF OUR CITY. NOT JUST

SMALL PARTS. I HAVE LIVED IN SOUTH AUSTIN FOR 30 YEARS. AND I'VE SEEN IT GO FROM -- FROM THE AVERAGE MIDDLE INCOME TYPE OF NEIGHBORHOOD TO WHERE I PERSONALLY LIVE RIGHT NOW, IS AN ABSOLUTE GHETTO. IN FACT I'M ABOUT TO MOVE. I'M HEARING ABOUT DRIVE-BY SHOOTINGS TWO BLOCKS AWAY FROM ME. WHEN YOU CAME TO -- TO OPEN A DREAM CENTER, WHEN I LOOK FOR A WAY TO HELP AUSTIN, I REALIZED THAT TAKES GOING TO TAKE MORE THAN JUST US TALKING ABOUT IT, WE HAD TO DO SOMETHING. SO WE HOUSE MEN UP TO 52 OF THEM, WHO HAVE COME OUT OF DRUG AND ALCOHOL REHAB RIGHT NOW. THE REASON WE CHOSE TO DO THAT TO START WITH WAS BECAUSE I. THERE NEEDED TO BE A FOUNDATION, THESE MEN NOW WORK, HAVE GOOD JOBS, THEY ARE STARTING TO LEARN HOW TO BE A GOOD HUSBAND. THEY HAVE FAMILIES SOMEWHERE WHEN THEY GO THROUGH A REHAB. BUT YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENS? THEY GET SO MESSED UP THAT THEY CAN'T STAY WITH THEIR FAMILY. AND SO BECAUSE WE ARE FAITH BASED, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE REALLY TRY TO TEACH THESE PEOPLE IS INTERESTING COMMUNITY AND HONESTY, HOW TO BE A GOOD PART OF THE COMMUNITY. I HAVE SOME EXAMPLES, I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY OF THEM I WILL GET OUT TO YOU, ONE OF THEM IS PERSON THAT WE HELP THAT LIVES IN AN APARTMENT IF YOU CAN CALL IT THAT, IT'S A SLUM PLACE. A 70 SOMETHING-YEAR-OLD WOMAN WITH A 10 SOMETHING-YEAR-OLD MOTHER LIVING WITH HER. THEY HAVE RATS THAT ARE SO LARGE IN THIS APARTMENT THAT THEY ACTUALLY PAY TO LIVE IN, THAT THEY HAVE BLOCKED OFF WITH TWO-BY-FOURS AND -- AND WOOD ONE OF THE ROOMS BECAUSE THEY CAN'T STOP THE RATS FROM COMING IN THAT ROOM. AND SO THEY STILL LIVE IN THAT HOUSE WITH THIS ROOM BLOCKED OFF SO THAT THE RATS CAN'T GET INTO THE KITCHEN. THE NEXT PERSON I WANT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT IS A KATRINA VICTIM. HIS NAME IS BILLY. HE LIVES WITH YOU AT THE DREAM CENTER IN SOUTH AUSTIN. BILLY CAME HERE AND HE HAD LOST HIS WIFE AND HIS DAUGHTER IN NEW ORLEANS. AND HE WAS HERE FOR A MONTH OR SO, HE HAD A HEART ATTACK AND HAD TO HAVE OPEN HEART SURGERY AND IN THE END OF ALL OF THAT, HE COULDN'T FIND A PLACE TO GO. SOMEONE CALLED ME AND ASKED IF WE WOULD TAKE HIM. WE HAVE NEVER

COLLECTED A CENT FOR HIS LIVING IN THE DREAM CENTER. BUT HE'S BEEN THERE SINCE FEBRUARY. AND NOW HE'S ABOUT RECUPERATED FROM HIS OPEN HEART SURGERY AND HIS PROBLEMS SO HE CAN BECOME A VIABLE PART OF OUR COMMUNITY HERE IN AUSTIN. MY LAST EXAMPLE OF WHY WE NEED AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS MARK. MARK HAD BEEN ON THE STREET FOR NINE YEARS, A CHURCH MEMBER SPONSORED HIM. [BUZZER SOUNDING] TODAY MARK IS ABLE TO WORK IN A CONTROLLED GROUP OF MEN WHO GO OUT TO A JOB AND SOMEBODY CAN HELP HIM KNOW WHAT TO DO SO THAT HE'S ALSO GOING TO BECOME A VIABLE MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY. SO THAT'S THE DREAM CENTER AUSTIN. I WANTED YOU TO BE AWARE OF IT. WE ARE REAL INTERESTED IN WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN WITH AFFORDABLE HOUSING. THANK YOU.

MELISSA GOODRICH, BEVERLY DUNN, LOREN ROY.

I'M FERGUSON, A LITTLE OUT OF ORDER.

FAIR ENOUGH.

AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL FOR HEARING ALL OF US THIS EVENING. I'M HEAR BEFORE YOU TONIGHT AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF HOUSING WORKS. IN SUPPORT OF THE HOUSING BONDS. AND URGING YOUR SUPPORT FOR -- AS GREAT OF AMOUNT AS MIGHT BE POSSIBLE AND HOPEFULLY AS CLOSE TO 67.5 MILLION AS POSSIBLE. THERE ARE THREE THINGS THAT I WANT TO SAY VERY QUICKLY. FIRST OF ALL, THE SUPPORT FOR HOUSING IN AUSTIN HAS NEVER BEEN STRONGER. I HAVE WORKED IN HOUSING IN AUSTIN IN HOUSING IN TEXAS, IN HOUSING NATIONALLY FOR 20 YEARS. I HAVE SEEN MORE AND MORE CITIES STEPPING UP AS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT STEPS BACK FROM HOUSING TO RECOGNIZE THAT IF THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE LIVABLE CITIES, THEY MUST SUPPORT HOUSING IN THEIR CITIES. AUSTIN IS NOW DOING THIS. THE HOUSING WORKS BOARD IS DOING THIS, WE HAVE DEVELOPERS, HOME BUILDERS, EMPLOYERS, DOWNTOWN AUSTIN ALLIANCE, PEOPLE OF ALL FOUR MAJOR ETHNIC CULTURES, WE HAVE PEOPLE FROM NEIGHBORHOODS NORTH, SOUTH, EAST, WEST, ON THIS BOARD AND THEY ALL SHARE THE SAME VISION WHICH IS OF

A MIXED INCOME AUSTIN. THE REASON PEOPLE BELIEVE SO STRONGLY IN THIS, ARE SO READY TO SUPPORT THIS NOW IS BECAUSE THEY KNOW THAT FUNDAMENTALLY MIXED INCOME HOUSING WORKS AND THAT HOUSING WORKS. SO NUMBER TWO, HOUSING WORKS. IT CREATES JOBS, IT CREATES UTILITY DEMAND IN AUSTIN. IT CREATES RETAIL SALES WHICH CREATE SALES TAX IN AUSTIN. IT KEEPS PEOPLE CLOSE TO WHERE THEY WORK, WHICH IS GOOD FOR EMPLOYERS, IT KEEPS PEOPLE CLOSE TO WHERE THEY WORK WHICH IS GOOD FOR THE ENVIRONMENT. IT IS IN EVERY WAY GOOD FOR US TO BE BUILDING MORE AFFORDABLE HOMES IN AUSTIN AND MIXED INCOME NEIGHBORHOODS WORK. MIXED INCOME NEIGHBORHOODS WORK BECAUSE THE SCHOOLS WORK, BECAUSE KIDS CAN STAY IN SCHOOL AS LEONORE VARGAS MENTIONED EARLIER. IT WORKS BECAUSE IT WORKS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY. SEGREGATED POVERTY FAILS, INTEGRATED ECONOMIC NEIGHBORHOODS WORK. SO ... WE ALSO -- THE THIRD REASON NOW IS THE TIME TO DO THESE BONDS IS THAT VOTERS RECOGNIZE HOUSING IS THE ISSUE AS A TOP PRIORITY. POLLING HAS SHOWN THIS OVER AN OVER AND OVER. SO WITH THE BROAD BASED SUPPORT FROM VOTERS, A BROAD BASE OF SUPPORT FROM THE WIDE RANGE OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS AND THE FUNDAMENTAL ECONOMIC SENSE IT MAKES TO HAVE A DIVERSE RANGE OF HOMES THROUGHOUT OUR NEIGHBORHOODS OF AUSTIN, I URGE YOUR SUPPORT FOR AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE FOR THE HOMES OF AUSTIN THROUGH OUR HOUSING BONDS, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, FRANCES. [ APPLAUSE ]

STEP UP, I CALLED NAMES EARLIER, STEP UP. I'M BEVERLY DONE --

EXCUSE ME, NANCY GOLDEN WANTED TO DONATE TIME TO YOU.

SHE'S GONE. ACTUALLY SHE WAS CONFUSED. SHE THOUGHT THAT I WAS HERE FOR THE LIBRARY ISSUE ANYWAY. SO -- ANYWAY.

NANCY IS FOR THE LIBRARY. WELCOME.

I FOUGHT FOR THE BONDS FOR CASUAL RENOVATION AND ALSO FOR THE SATC COURTS. I NOW UNDERSTAND THAT THE BOND MONEY FOR THE SATC COURSE IS GOING TO THE JOHNNY MORRIS CENTER IN NORTHEAST AUSTIN FOR ABOUT \$200,000. THIS HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS A WORLD CLASS CENTER WITH UP TO 20 COURTS, A PARTNERSHIP WITH AISD AND USTA. WITH NO EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE, WILL ANY OF THESE FUNDS BE USED FOR THINGS THAT ALREADY EXISTED AT SATC LIKE STREETS AND WATER AND ELECTRICITY? I WILL NOT SAY THAT WE DON'T NEED THESE COURTS. BUT I DO QUESTION WHETHER OR NOT THEY WILL BE FULLY UTILIZED AT THAT LOCATION BASED ON THE LOW USE AT PHARR WHICH IS ANOTHER EAST AUSTIN CENTER. PEOPLE IN NORTHWEST AUSTIN HAVE NEEDED MANAGED COURTS FOR DECADES. AND HAVE BEEN IGNORED. THE PEOPLE I KNOW IN NORTHWEST AUSTIN SAY THEY WILL CONTINUE TO DRIVE MOPAC TO CASWELL AND AUSTIN HIGH RATHER THAN GO 183 TO 290 TO JOHNNY MORRIS ROAD. WHAT THIS MEANS IS THAT THOSE OF US WHO ARE STRUGGLING TO GET COURTS IN CENTRAL AUSTIN WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT TO GET ON THOSE COURTS. AT CASWELL, WHEN THE PHONES START RINGING FOR RESERVATION AND EVERYBODY IS PUNCHING REDIAL AS FAST AS THEY CAN, YOU CAN ONLY IMAGINE HOW FRUSTRATED THEY ARE, WHAT THE PROBLEM IS BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE SO UNHAPPY THAT THEY CANNOT SCHEDULE A COURT. THE TENNIS COMMUNITY IS SOMEWHAT DISJOINED WITH VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS TRYING TO GET THEIR NEEDS MET. IT SEEMS THAT THERE IS A NEED FOR A LARGE CENTER FOR TOURNAMENTS. AND THERE'S A NEED FOR MANAGED TENNIS CENTERS IN ALL QUAD DRANTS OF THE CITY. RELIEVING THE NEED TO TRAVEL LONG DISTANCES IN TRAFFIC JUST TO PLAY A MATCH. ALSO THERE IS A NEED TO LOOK AT MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF COURTS AND THE CITY'S RESPONSE TIME FOR LIGHTS AND REPAIRS. SO I WOULD ASK YOU TO ADVISE YOUR STAFF TO LOOK INTO PARTNERING WITH U.T. AT THE WHITAKER COURTS ON 51st STREET FOR A LARGE CENTER SITE OR LOOK INTO PARTNERING WITH LARGE CORPORATIONS LIKE I.B.M. WHO HAVE EXISTING FLAT LAND OR PERHAPS THE PARK THAT

WAS MENTIONED EARLIER BETWEEN,, IN NORTH CENTRAL, I HADN'T HEARD ABOUT THAT, THAT WOULD BE AN IDEAL LOCATION. WITH EXISTING HIGH SCHOOLS IN NORTHWEST AUSTIN FOR MORE MANAGED COURTS AND FINALLY TO LOOK AT ALL QUADRANTS LIKE SOUTHEAST AND SOUTHWEST AUSTIN FOR MANAGED TENNIS CENTERS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO THE CITY. [BUZZER SOUNDING]

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, BEVERLY.

STEP RIGHT UP.

GOOD EVENING, MY NAME IS LORRAINE ROY. I HAVE BEEN A PROUD CITIZEN OF AUSTIN FOR 19 YEARS. I AM ALSO A A LONG-TIME MEMBER OF ALA, THE AMERICAN LOOISH ASSOCIATION. I WAS RECENTLY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF ALA FOR 2007, 2008, I ALSO HAD THE ALA ALLIED PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION COMPANION NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT PROMOTES THE PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS OF LIBRARY WORKERS. FOUNDED IN 1876, ALA WITH ITS MORE THAN 66,000 MEMBERS IS THE LARGE E.R. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LIBRARY ORGANIZATION IN THE WORLD. I'M HERE TONIGHT TO VOICE MY SUPPORT FOR FUNDING A NEW CENTRAL LIBRARY FOR OUR CITY. A CITY PASSIONATE ABOUT EDUCATION, LIVE EVENTS, PERSONAL EXPRESSION, CULTURAL IDENTITY AND JUST BEING -- PLAIN BEING WEIRD IS WHERE THEY HAVE A NEW CENTRAL LIBRARY. VIBRANT CITIES HAVE VIBRANT LIBRARIES, I HAVE BEEN FORTUNATE TO VISIT MANY OTHER LIBRARIES IN OTHER CITIES, HAVE SEEN THE TOUCHE FUTURE OF THE STRONG CENTRAL LIBRARY IN PHOENIX, SEATTLE ... AUSTINITES ARE WORTHY OF HAVING NEIGHBORHOOD LIBRARIES CLOSE AT HAND AND A CENTRAL LIBRARY THAT WILL DEFINE OUR COMMUNITY'S EDUCATION COME READING AND CULTURAL LITERACY. THE PUBLIC LIBRARY IS STILL A PLACE TO FIND A GOOD BOOK TO READ. AS WELL PUBLIC LIBRARIES HAVE PUBLIC INTERNET ACCESS AND TRAINING FOR ALL SORTS OF LIFE SKILLS. PUBLIC LIBRARIES ARE ALSO DYNAMIC AND WIRED SOCIAL SPACES. THEY OFFER MEETING SPACE FOR WRITERS, BOOK CLUBS, ESL SERVICES, LITERACY PROGRAMS, STORY TIME, CHILDREN'S SERVICES IN THE SUMMER AND THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

THEY ARE STAFFED BY PROFESSIONAL LINE RATHER THAN  
AND OTHER WORKERS WHO SERVE AS READER, ADVISORS,  
INFORMATION SPECIALISTS, COLLECTION ORGANIZERS AND  
EVENTS PLANNERS. NEW CENTRAL LIBRARIES HAVE  
MEASURABLE ECONOMIC BENEFITS AND IN ITS FIRST YEAR  
THE NEW CENTRAL LIBRARY IN SEATTLE HAS BEEN SHOWN  
TO BE DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR NETTING \$60 MILLION IN  
NEW REVENUE, A FIGURE THAT IS EXPECTED TO TOTAL 155  
MILLION BY 2014. THE FIRST DECADE OF ITS OPERATION. SO I  
ASK YOU TO SUPPORT THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW  
CENTRAL LIBRARY. I HOPE THAT YOU BUILD IT QUICKLY SO  
THAT DURING MY TERM AS ALA PRESIDENT I CAN SHARE THE  
GOOD NEWS WITH THE NATION AND THE WORLD.

THANK YOU.

HELLO I'M JERRY SMITH, I TRIED TO SPEAK TO YOU LAST  
WEEK, DIDN'T GET THE CHANCE TO. I'M HERE TO SUPPORT  
THE MULTI-USE OF PUBLICLY FUNDED SKATE PARKS. MABEL  
DAVIS DOESN'T ALLOW BMX BECAUSE IT'S TOO SMALL. THE  
CITY MUST BUILD FACILITIES THAT ALLOW MULTI-USE IN  
ORDER TO SUPPORT THE GOODWILL BETWEEN SKATERS  
AND BMX RIDERS. THE CITY OF ALLEN, TEXAS BUILT A \$5  
MILLION FACILITY. THAT DOES ALLOW BIKES AND SKATE  
BOARDS AND IT WORKS GREAT. THEY RIDE TOGETHER AND  
IT'S A WONDERFUL FACILITY. LAS VEGAS HAS ALMOST A  
DOZEN SKATE PARKS THAT ALLOW BOTH SKATE BOARDS,  
ROLLER BLADES AND BIKES TOGETHER. I URGE YOU TO  
FUND THE FULL 3 MILLION PROPOSED BY THE COMMUNITY  
AND BUILD SKATE PARKS THAT CAN BE ENJOYED BY ALL,  
THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. JOYCE PULLMAN, KATHY TILER,  
FELICIA, JACKIE CHUTER, ANYBODY HERE?

GOOD EVENING, MAYOR, MAYOR PRO TEM,  
COUNCILMEMBERS, MY NAME IS JACKIE CHUTER. TONIGHT I  
URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THE FUNDING FOR GREEN WAYS AS  
IDENTIFIED IN THE BOND PACKAGE. OUR ORGANIZATION HAS  
ALREADY BEGUN CONSTRUCTING A TRAIL IN THE COUNTRY  
CLUB CREEK WATERSHED. [INDISCERNIBLE] PARKS AND  
RECREATION DEPARTMENT. IT IS A VERY FEASIBLE  
PROJECT, WE ALREADY ACQUIRED AN EASEMENT FOR A

PORTION OF THE TRAIL. HOWEVER, IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO COMPLETE THE TRAIL WITHOUT SOME FUNDING FOR LAND ACQUISITION. THE BOND MONEY MAY BE USED TO PROTECT A RARE EXAMPLE OF URBAN CREEK HEADQUARTERS THAT REMAINS UNDEVELOPED DESPITE INTENSE INDUSTRIAL AND MULTI-FAMILY USES IN THE AREA. FURTHERMORE A TRAIL DROPPED ALONG THIS CREEK WILL SERVE THIS DENSELY POPULATED AND VERY DIVERSE AREA OF SOUTHEAST AUSTIN AND CONNECT THE COLORADO RIVER PARK AND TOWN LAKE TRAIL ABOUT MABEL DAVIS PARK, LINDER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, SINGLE FAMILY NEIGHBORHOODS AND APARTMENT COMPLEXES. SO THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING GREEN WAYS IN AUSTIN. HI MAYOR WYNN, MEMBERS OF THE COUPLE, MY NAME IS KATHY TYLER, I APPRECIATE Y'ALL LISTENING TO LATE HOURS LAST WEEK AND THIS WEEK. I DON'T ENVY THE JOB THAT YOU HAVE TO MAKE THE DECISIONS THAT YOU HAVE, BUT I'M GRATEFUL THAT YOU ARE DOING IT. I'M HERE TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING. I APPRECIATE THE LEADERSHIP AND THE -- THE WELL THAT YOU ALL HAVE SHOWN RECENTLY IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING, VERY EXCITING. I HAVE SPENT MY PROFESSIONAL LIFE, I HAVE SPENT 30 YEARS IN THE FIELD OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND 15 OF THAT WAS WITH THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION SO I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF GOING ALL AROUND THE COUNTRY AND SEEING HOW PEOPLE IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE COUNTRY APPROACH AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND NOT SURPRISINGLY, THE -- THE AMOUNT OF LEADERSHIP AND INVESTMENT THAT A CITY PUTS IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING HAS A LOT TO DO WITH THE GOOD PRACTICES AND THE -- AND IN THE REST OF THE CITY. AND I -- IT ALSO GAVE ME THE PRIVILEGE OF -- OF JUST REALLY SEEING HOW PEOPLE WHO ARE BETTER HOUSED, HOW WONDERFUL OF AN EXPERIENCE THAT IS. THAT KIDS DO BETTER IN SCHOOLS, THAT PARENTS ARE MORE PRODUCTIVE, THEY CAN MOVE FORWARD TO DO OTHER THINGS IN THEIR LIVES. AND IT'S VERY HEARTENING TO SEE THE -- THE ENRICHED LIVES AND THE EMPOWERED PEOPLE WHEN THEY HAVE A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE. I'M REAL HART TENNED BY JUST THE GOOD -- THE GOOD, THE SWELL OF INTERESTS AND MOVEMENT AROUND AFFORDABLE HOUSING THAT WE HAVE SEEN HERE IN AUSTIN. I'M REAL OPTIMISTIC ABOUT WHAT

WE CAN DO. IT'S -- IT'S HARD -- AGAIN, I THINK THAT YOU ALL HAVE A HARD TIME TRYING TO -- TRYING TO DECIDE WHAT WOULD BE THE BEST THINGS TO -- TO FUND. AND I WOULD ADVOCATE HOUSING FOR SEVERAL REASONS. WE HAVE NEVER DONE GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND FUNDING FOR HOUSING BEFORE. SO -- SO IT'S A GOOD TIME, AUSTIN IS GETTING TO BE VERY EXPENSIVE, THINGS WON'T BE -- IT WON BE EASIER TO DO IN THE FUTURE, IT WILL BE HARDER. EVERY HOUSING DOLLAR BRINGS IN -- IT JUST DETRACTS OTHER DOLLARS. SO WE WANT TO PRESERVE PUBLIC HOUSING -- PUBLIC FUNDS TO DO WHAT'S HARDEST TO DO. BUT IT WILL ATTRACT OTHER DOLLARS AND WE WILL BE BRINGING IN OTHER MONEY. AND THINGS WILL HAPPEN MUCH QUICKER IF WE INVEST A LARGER AMOUNT OF -- IF WE INVEST THE \$67.5 MILLION INSTEAD OF 50 THINGS WILL HAPPEN MUCH QUICKER AND BECAUSE THINGS HAPPEN QUICKER, YOU SAVE THE TIME AND THE MONEY AND YOU WON'T HAVE TO INVEST AS QUICKLY AGAIN. SO THAT -- THOSE TWO THINGS TIME AND ATTRACTING ADDITIONAL MONEY WILL HAVE AN EXPONENTIAL EFFECT AND THAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT, WHAT'S WILL GROW. WE HAVE GOT SOME GREAT -- GREAT PROGRAMS IN AUSTIN, WE KNOW HOW TO DO THIS WORK AND IT WILL BE DONE MUCH EASIER. WITH THE INCREASED CAPACITY. AND JUST -- JUST IN CLOSING, I KNOW AGAIN I REALLY APPRECIATE THE VERY HARD DECISIONS THAT YOU ARE MAKING, BUT AS YOU DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO DO LIBRARY OR HOUSING, THINK WELL WHY NOT AFFORDABLE HOUSING ON TOP OF THE CENTRAL LIBRARY, JUST, YOU KNOW, I SAY THAT SORT OF IN JEST, BUT IT'S SORT OF A WAY OF LOOKING AT THE WORLD, YOU KNOW, IF YOU THINK ABOUT AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN EVERYTHING WILL DO, IT WILL BE MUCH MORE PRODUCTIVE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, KATHY. AGAIN JOYCE PULLMAN, FELICIA [INDISCERNIBLE], KAREN POP WELCOME KAREN. ROSS SMITH. JOHN KITCHENS. STEP RIGHT UP.

MY NAME IS FELICIA CONGABLE. I FOUND OUT ABOUT THIS AT 5:00 THIS AFTERNOON, SORRY FOR MY DRESS, LAST DAY FOR TEACHERS TO WORK AT SCHOOL. I'M A STEVER OF -- I'M A TEACHER OF ENGLISH, AVID READER, I GREW UP GOING TO THE LIBRARY EVERY WEEK. AND I CAN'T

UNDERSTAND HOW YOU ARE GOING TO DIVIDE ALL OF THE MONEY. BUT I -- I HAVE TO LOOK AT IT AS A -- AS PRIORITIES BASED ON TIME. AUSTIN HAS BEEN CONSIDERED WONDERFUL, FABULOUS FOR DECADES. NOW IT WANTS TO BE GREAT. THERE'S DIFFERENT WAYS TO BE GREAT. ONE REASON THAT AUSTIN IS SO WONDERFUL IS BECAUSE OF ITS BEAUTY AND BARTON SPRINGS. I FORGOT TO MENTION I'M ALSO IN THE SIERRA CLUB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. WE KNOW FROM LITERATURE, POETRY, MEMOIRS THAT PEOPLE EXTOLL NATURAL BEAUTY, BEAUTY OF NATURE WHEN THEY PRAISE A PLACE. NATURE INSPIRES US, RELIEVES US, FEEDS US AS WELL AS THOUSANDS OF OTHER SPECIES. WE CAN'T HAVE EVERYTHING. THERE'S A FINITE AMOUNT OF MONEY, SO WE PRIORITIZE. HERE'S AN ANALOGY THAT I HAD WHILE I HAVE BEEN WAITING. HEART SURGERY VERSUS KNEE REPLACEMENT. BARTON SPRINGS AND ITS AQUIFER IS THE HEART OF AUSTIN. IT'S FAMOUS NATIONALLY. PRESERVING OPEN LAND OVER THE AQUIFER IS AN ABSOLUTE NECESSITY. IT HAS TO BE DONE NOW. AUSTIN WILL NOT BE AUSTIN WITHOUT THE SPRINGS. TODAY YOU HAVE THE POWER TO MAKE A DECISION THAT WILL HAVE PURPOSEFUL REPERCUSSIONS, PLEASE SET ASIDE AT LEAST 90 MILLION FOR OPEN SPACE OVER THE AQUIFER AS WELL AS PRAIRIES. JEFF JACK MADE A GREAT POINT EARLIER ABOUT COUNCILMAN LEFFINGWELL AND MCCRACKEN'S EFFORTS TO REDUCE PROPERTY TAXES. THAT WAS THE FIRST THAT I HEARD ABOUT IT. THE PUBLIC IS INCREASINGLY AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF OPEN SPACE, NATURAL SYSTEMS, THEIR RAPID DEGRADATION AND DISAPPEARANCE. WE NEED LEADERS TO TAKE THE HISTORIC STEPS TO SPEND WHAT IT TAKES TO SAVE BARTON SPRINGS AQUIFER. AND THE PUBLIC WILL PRAISE YOU. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU FELICIA. KAREN POP AND ROSS SMITH.

GOOD EVENING, COUNCILMEMBERS, MY NAME IS KAREN POP, I'M HERE TONIGHT TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF THE BOND COMMITTEE'S UNANIMOUS RECOMMENDATION FOR THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING AT 67 AND A HALF MILLION. I WANT TO THANK THE MEMBERS OF THE BOND COMMITTEE FOR ALL OF THE EFFORT THEY PUT INTO IT. AND TO THANK THE STAFF FOR THEIR WORK ON HELPING US DO THE RESEARCH ON THE NEEDS AND THE POSSIBILITIES FOR USING GENERAL

OBLIGATION BONDS. I WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING BECAUSE IT'S THAT SUPPORT THAT HAS HELPED TO US REACH THIS POINT WHERE WE CAN LOOK AT -- AT DOING SOMETHING REALLY HISTORIC FOR THIS CITY AND DOING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING. THE PAMG RECOMMENDED BY THE BOND COMMITTEE AND HOUSING WORKS RECOMMENDED IS ONE THAT WILL MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE IN THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR OUR MOST VULNERABLE CITIZENS. SENIOR CITIZENS, PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN, SUFFER GREATLY AS WE HAVE HEARD FROM SOME OF THE OTHER TESTIMONY THIS EVENING. AND WE HAVE A HISTORIC OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE IN THEIR LIVES AND SOMETHING THAT WILL HELP THIS CITY FOR MANY YEARS TO COME. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, KAREN.

FOR ALL OF YOUR WORK. ROSS SMITH, WELCOME.

GOOD EVENING, MAYOR, COUNCIL. FIRST I WANT TO SECOND ROBIN CRAVEVY'S COMMENT ABOUT LONG-TERM CAPITAL RENOVATIONS, I THINK THAT'S A GOOD IDEA. I ALSO THINK THAT JEFF JACK'S IDEA FOR THE NOVEMBER BALLOT IS A GOOD ONE. I'M HERE SIMPLY TO ASK YOU TO BE HONEST AS YOU ARE CREATING THIS BOND PACKAGE. IT'S VERY TEMPTING TO OVERREACH. THERE ARE A LOT OF WORTHY PROJECTS, A LOT OF NEEDS THAT NEED TO BE MET. BUT I ASK YOU SIMPLY TO BE -- IT'S ALSO REASONABLE FOR YOU TO ASK US TO DIG DOWN DEEP IN OUR POCKETS TO MAKE THIS A GREAT CITY. BUT I WANT TO ASK YOU TO BE HONEST WITH YOURSELVES ABOUT HOW MUCH YOU CAN REASONLY ASK US TO PUT UP FOR THE MAINTAIN ON ALL OF THESE PROJECTS. IF YOU OVERREACH, YOU ARE SETTING US ALL UP FOR A LOT OF TROUBLE DOWN THE LINE. SO I WOULD JUST ASK YOU TO KEEP THAT IN MIND AND TO -- TO SIMPLY BE HONEST WITH YOURSELVES AND WITH US ABOUT WHAT YOU WANT US TO DO. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. SMITH. WELCOME, SIR. I CALLED YOUR NAME EARLIER, STEP RIGHT UP.

GOOD EVENING, MY NAME IS JOHN KITCHENS. I REPRESENT A GROUP OF TENNIS PLAYERS FROM THE AUSTIN AREA CALLED THE AUSTIN TENNIS NET. WE HAVE OVER 400 MEMBERS, IT'S NON-PROFIT. NO CHARGE TO PLAY TENNIS. WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE COURT SITUATION IN AUSTIN. WE NEED COURTS OF COURSE ALL OVER TOWN, SPECIFICALLY NORTHWEST, NORTHEAST, SOUTHWEST, SOUTHEAST. PEOPLE NEED COURTS, THE COURTS THAT WE HAVE NOW THERE ARE LIGHTS ARE THAT CAN'T GET REPLACED, [INDISCERNIBLE] HAD LIGHTS OUT FOR WEEKS NOW, SOUTH AUSTIN HAD LIGHTS OUT. IT TAKES A LONG TIME TO RESERVE A COURT. YOU WAIT ON THE PHONE FOREVER. AND WE JUST NEED SOMETHING DONE FOR THE SITUATION. IT WOULD HELP TO INCLUDE SOME MONEY FOR THE BOND PACKAGE. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, MR. KITCHENS. OKAY. LET'S SEE WHERE WE ARE. RAY SILVA. HOW ABOUT -- I'M NOW GETTING INTO A LONG LIST OF FOLKS BLESS THEIR HEARTS NOT WISHING TO SPEAK BUT HAVE GIVEN US COMMENTS FOR THE RECORD. SO JUST HOW ABOUT ANYBODY HERE WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS US, PLEASE JUST MAKE YOUR WAY TO THE PODIUM AND WE WILL GLADLY TAKE YOUR TESTIMONY. AFTER -- AFTER COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ MAKES THE MOTION TO GO WAIVE COUNCIL RULES GO PAST 10:00 P.M.

[INDISCERNIBLE] [INAUDIBLE - NO MIC]

ENTHUSIASTICALLY SECONDED BY THE MAYOR PRO TEM THOMAS. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE, OPPOSED. MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 5-0 WITH COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL AND KIM OFF THE DAIS.

GOOD EVENING, MARRY, COUNCILMEMBERS. MY NAME IS RAY SILVA, ALSO A PART OF AUSTIN TENNIS NET.ORG. HUNDREDS OF LOCAL TENNIS PLAYERS, I'M AN AVID TENNIS PLAYER MYSELF. I'M SHOWER THAT I LATE. I JUST DOT DONE PLAYING TENNIS AT SOUTH AUSTIN TENNIS CENTER, I CAN VOUCH THAT WE'VE HAD LIGHTS OUT THERE FOR MONTHS WANTING TO BE REPLACED. NEEDING TO BE REPLACED. SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF MORE TENNIS COURTS ALL OVER THE CITY AND I HOPE THAT ONE OF THE THINGS THAT THE COUNCIL CONSIDERS IN THIS BOND PACKAGE IS TO -- TO

TRY TO SET UP OR WORK ON SOME SORT OF AGREEMENT WITH U.T., SOME SORT OF WIN-WIN AGREEMENT WITH U.T. WHERE THE CITY AND U.T. COULD ENTER INTO A JOINT MANAGEMENT FOR CONTRACT FOR WHITAKER FIELDS AT 51st AND GUADALUPE WHICH IS VERY, VERY CENTRALLY LOCATED. TO TURN A 40 -- 40 COURT FACILITY INTO ABOUT A 32 COURT FACILITIES. USTA IS WILLING TO DONATE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN. AND I THINK THE TENNIS COMMUNITY WOULD BE TOTALLY BEHIND THAT. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO -- TO FIND OUT WHY THIS -- THIS BOND -- THE PROPOSITION FOR NEW TENNIS FACILITIES HAS NOT BEEN PUBLICIZED IN ANY OF THE CITY TENNIS CENTERS. THE LOCAL PLAYERS THAT PLAY ALL AROUND THE CITY IN THE CITY TENNIS CENTERS AND IN THE FREE PARKS DON'T HAVE A CLUE ABOUT THIS UNLESS THEY'VE, YOU KNOW, REALLY DUG INTO IT AND IT SHOULDN'T BE THAT WAY. THEY SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THIS INFORMATION. IT'S MILLIONS AND MILLIONS AND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS AND IT'S OUR TAX MONEY THAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT SPENDING. AGAIN SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF MORE TENNIS COURTS ALL OVER THE CITY, AND MORE AND BETTER MAINTAIN WITH THE ONES THAT WE HAVE EXISTING. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU MR. SILVA. ARE THERE ANY OTHER CITIZENS THAT WISH TO ADDRESS US? WE HAVE A NUMBER OF FOLKS SIGNED UP NOT WISHING TO SPEAK AND HAVE LEFT COMMENTS THAT WE WILL PUT INTO THE RECORD. WELCOME, JENNIFER GALE, I WILL NOT FOR THE WORK, MARCUS SIGNED UP NOT WISHING TO SPEAK, NEUTRAL [LAUGHTER] KIDDING.

GOOD EVENING. HI AUSTIN. IT'S TIME TO HONOR OUR FAMILIES WAR DEAD THIS MEMORIAL DAY. TO KEEP BOTH EYES OUT FOR THE YOUNG CHILDREN NOW THAT SCHOOL HAS LET OUT. I KNOW THAT WE ALL LOVED CLIFFORD ANTONE HE WILL KEEP HIS EYES OUT FOR OUR CHILDREN. COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ AND MAYOR THOMAS WE WILL NEVER FORGET YOUR SPEAKING UP WHEN OTHERS STAYED SO SILENT. NOW, WE NEED MONEY FOR OUR WATERWAYS. NEARLY A BILLION DOLLARS WE NEED FOR OUR EROSION CONTROL PROJECTS. THIS WILL MEAN MORE LAND FOR OUR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND RECA REALTORS TO LEASE AND SELL. LET'S FINISH OUR LANCE ARMSTRONG BIKEWAY,

LET'S CREATE THE BIKE AVENUE THAT WILL TAKE THE PEOPLE OF AUSTIN WHATEVER AGE FROM DOWNTOWN OUT INTO THE COUNTRY SAFELY. THE ROAD ARE ALREADY THERE, OUR HEALTH DEMAND IT. WE NEED A BUILDING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS MEDICAL BRANCH HERE? CLIFFORD ANTOINE MAY HAVE BEEN ALIVE IF WITH THE -- WE HAD THE PROBLEM MEDICAL CARE AND ALL OF THE PEOPLE IN OUR OBITUARIES. WE NEED MORE MONEY FOR OPEN GOVERNMENT AMENDMENTS. PROPOSITION 1, OPEN GOVERNMENT, PROPOSITION 2 THE SAVE OUR SPRINGS PROPOSITION. WE SAY WE NEED 40 MILLION, I SAY WE NEED 10 MILLION. SO LET'S PUT THAT ON OUR BOND PROGRAM. NOW THAT THE -- NOW THAT THE PROPOSITION 1 AND PROPOSITION 2 ARE BEING CONTESTED. IT'S BEEN A -- IT'S BEEN A LONG DAY. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ECHO VERY STRONGLY THE SENTIMENTS OF ROBIN CRAVEVY, WHO SAID WE NEED TO REFURBISH AUSTIN AND ALL HER FACILITIES TO MAKE SURE THOSE ARE REFURBISHED AND REBUILT SO THAT THEY LAST IN PERPETUITY. THANKS AGAIN, HAVE A GOOD EVENING.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, JENNIFER. ANY OTHER CITIZENS THAT WOULD LIKE TO GIVE US TESTIMONY REGARDING THIS PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED NOVEMBER '06 BOND ELECTION. THANK VERY MUCH TO THE FEEDBACK. IN ADDITION TO WHAT WE HAVE HEARD TONIGHT UNLESS WE FORMALLY -- MOST COUNCIL OFFICES HAVE RECEIVED OVER THE LAST YEAR HUNDREDS IF NOT EVEN THOUSANDS OF INDIVIDUAL E-MAILS, PHONE CALLS, THERE'S BEEN CONVERSATIONS GALORE NOW FOR WELL OVER A YEAR. SO WE GREATLY APPRECIATE ALL OF THE INPUT AND THE VAST, VAST, VAST MAJORITY OF FOLKS RECOGNIZING THE CHALLENGE THAT WE FACE TRYING TO CRAFT A SERIES OF - - OF INVESTMENTS THAT REPRESENT THE PRIORITIES OF THIS BROAD COMMUNITY. SO THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. COUNCIL, I GUESS I WOULD ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. MOTION MADE BY THE MAYOR PRO TEM. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN TO CLOSE THIS PUBLIC HEARING. ITEM NO. 79. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE?

AYE.

Wynn: OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 6-0 WITH COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL OFF THE DAIS. I BELIEVE WITHOUT -- BEFORE WE ADJOURN THE MEETING, WE STILL CAN CONTINUE THE DISCUSSION ABOUT THIS ITEM. EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING. WE ARE NOT POSTED FOR ACTION BUT I WOULD LIKE TO -- TO -- TO RECOGNIZE A LITTLE LATE, BUT THIS ISN'T ALL THAT LATE FOR US. INIF I COULD I SEE THE CITY MANAGER PERHAPS TEEING UP HER FINANCE TEAM. SOON, THROUGHOUT THE WEEK, NEXT THURSDAY WE ARE POSTED FOR ACTION, BROADLY THERE ARE FOUR THINGS THAT WE HAVE TO COME TO -- TO COME TO CONSENSUS ON. ONE IS JUST THE SIZE OF THE OVERALL BOND PACKAGE OR THE AMOUNT OF DOLLARS. A SECOND WOULD BE THE TECHNICAL PACKAGING OF THEM, THAT IS YOU KNOW DIFFERENT -- DIFFERENT PROJECTS OR INVESTMENTS, YOU KNOW, PACKAGED TOGETHER ON A SINGLE LINE ITEM OR A SINGLE BALLOT ITEM. THERE'S ACTUALLY A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF CON STRAITS AND LEGAL PARAMETERS ABOUT THAT. THE -- I'M TOLD THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE FOR INSTANCE FREQUENTLY REVIEWS THAT. I TRUST WE MAY EVEN GET SOME INITIAL FEEDBACK FROM THEM ABOUT WHICH PROJECTS CAN BE ESSENTIALLY LUMPED TOGETHER. THAT THEN BRINGS UP THE IDEA OF A BALLOT ORDER. AND THEN THE TECHNICAL BALLOT LANGUAGE. BUT PERHAPS BEFORE WE GET TO THOSE DISCUSSIONS, IT WOULD HELP ME MAYBE SOME FOLKS HERE WATCHING AND LISTENING, IF WE COULD HAVE ANOTHER JUST A BRIEF SYNOPSIS AS TO THE BROADLY THE -- THE DEBT PROCESS FOR THE CITY OF AUSTIN REALLY FOR ANY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS. THAT IS WHETHER THE NUMBER IS \$500 MILLION AND CHANGE OR MUCH LARGER, WHAT THAT REALLY MEANS IS BASED ON -- ON EXISTING TAX RATES AND THEN POTENTIALLY INCREASING THE AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAKTS RATE ESSENTIALLY THE CITY'S CAPACITY THAT WE COULD PROJECT ON AN ANNUAL BASIS TO SELL THESE BONDS. THAT'S -- SOME PEOPLE AREN'T AWARE THAT WE DON'T, WANT, WILL NEVER HAVE THE ABILITY TO GO SELL FIVE OR \$600 MILLION WORTH OF GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT AT ANY GIVEN TIME. WE MAY ONLY BE ABLE TO SELL 70 TO 80 MILLION-DOLLAR IN A GIVEN HERE. PERHAPS MR. STEPHENS JUST GIVE US A, YOU KNOW, A BROAD SUMMARY

AS THAT PROCESS AGAIN. BECAUSE I THINK IT HELPS US THEN BEGIN TO THINK ABOUT THE PACKAGING BECAUSE IT BEGINS TO TALK ABOUT THE TIME OF DIFFERENT PROJECTS IN THE FUTURE. WELCOME, MR. STEPHENS.

LET ME RECAP A LITTLE BIT OF THE PRESENTATION THAT WE MADE PROBABLY MORE THAN A YEAR AGO TO COUNCIL WHEN WE WERE FIRST CONTEMPLATING THE BOND ELECTION, AND TALK ABOUT HOW WE PROJECTED OUR BONDING CAPACITY. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE TALKED ABOUT DURING THAT PRESENTATION WERE THINGS LIKE DEBT PER CAPITA RATIOS AND SO ON THAT OUR FINANCIAL - - THAT OUR RATING AGENCIES LOOK AT WHEN THEY RATE OUR BONDS. AND PART OF THE DISCUSSION THAT WE HAD IN THAT REGARD WAS THAT AUSTIN HAS A VERY GOOD BENCHMARK IN TERMS OF HOW MUCH OF ITS DEBT IT PAYS OFF. WE TYPICALLY LOOK AT THE DEBT ON A 20 YEAR BASIS BECAUSE WE FREQUENTLY FINANCE THINGS LIKE FACILITIES, YOU KNOW, OVER 20 YEAR LIFE. BUT IN FACT WHEN WE ISSUE DEBT, IF YOU LOOK OUT OVER THE HORIZON, OVER A 20 YEAR HORIZON, WE REALLY RETIRE ALMOST TWO THIRD OF OUR DEBT IN THE FIRST 10 YEARS. SO WE HAVE A VERY GOOD -- WE HAVE A VERY GOOD PAYOFF RATIO FOR OUR DEBT. IN OTHER WORDS WE PAY OFF, IF YOU LOOK AT OUR BONDED INDEBTEDNESS GOING FORWARD FROM NOW, WE ARE GOING TO PAY OFF APPROXIMATELY TWO THIRD OF THAT GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT OVER THE NEXT 10 YEARS. SO WHAT THAT ALLOWS US TO DO WHEN WE PROJECT OUT IN THE FUTURE IS TO BE ABLE TO TAKE ON EITHER KEEPING THE TAX RATE AT THE SAME LEVEL THAT IT IS NOW OR INCREASING IT SLIGHTLY WE ARE ABLE TO TAKE ON MORE DEBT. AND AS WE PRESENT IT TO YOU LAST YEAR, WITHOUT ANY INCREASE TO THE EFFECTIVE TAX RATE, WE COULD FUND A BOND PACKAGE OF APPROXIMATELY \$300 MILLION WITH NO INCREASE AT ALL TO THE TAX RATE. THAT AGAIN IS SIMPLY BECAUSE WE HAVE AN AGGRESSIVE PAYOFF SCHEDULE FOR THE DEBT THAT WE HAVE ALREADY ISSUED. WE PAY OFF ABOUT TWO-THIRDS OF THAT IN 10 YEARS.

Mayor Wynn: EXCUSE ME, BUT THEN INDEPENDENT OF A POTENTIAL TAX RATE INCREASE, IF THE EXISTING CAPACITY IS ABOUT 300 MILLION, CAN THAT BE BROKEN OUT AS TO

WHAT LIKELY WILL BE THE ANNUAL AMOUNT OF BONDS WE COULD SELL OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS?

YES, THAT'S A GOOD POINT, MAYOR, WHEN WE DID OUR PROJECTIONS WE ASSUMED AGAIN THAT WE WOULD HAVE A SIX YEAR BOND PROGRAM. IN OTHER WORDS THAT WE WOULD GO THROUGH AND ISSUE ESSENTIALLY ONE-SIXTH OF THE AMOUNT THAT WE WERE PROJECTING THAT WE COULD ISSUE SO THAT FOR 300 MILLION WE WOULD ISSUE ONE SIXTH OF THAT, IN THE FIRST YEAR OF THE BOND PROGRAM, THE SECOND SIXTH AND THE SECOND YEAR AND SO. [MULTIPLE VOICES]

ROUND NUMBERS.

I'M SORRY.

\$50 MILLION A YEAR IN ROUND NUMBERS WITH NO PROPERTY TAX RATE INCREASE.

THAT'S EXACTLY RIGHT. BECAUSE AGAIN DURING EACH YEAR OF THAT SIX YEAR PROGRAM, YOU HAVE GOT SOME DEBT DROPPING OFF, ADDITIONAL DEBT COMING ON. SO WE DID THOSE SAME PROJECTIONS SHOWING THAT -- ADDING ON TO THAT \$300 MILLION SCENARIO UNDER WHICH WE WOULD NOT HAVE ANY INCREASE TO THE TAX RATE, LEAVE THE DEBT SERVICE TAX RATE WHERE IT IS, WE HAVE PROJECTED THAT YOU COULD ISSUE FOR EACH ADDITIONAL PENNY THAT YOU ADDED TO THE DEBT SERVICE TAX RATE, YOU COULD ISSUE APPROXIMATELY \$100 MILLION IN NEW DEBT. I KNOW THERE HAS BEEN A QUESTION ASKED. A LOT OF PEOPLE COMMENTED THAT OUR ASSESSED VALUATION HAS GONE UP WHICH WOULD ALLOW US TO ISSUE MORE DEBT. THAT IS TRUE. THIS WORKS ESSENTIALLY LIKE THE EFFECTIVE TAX RATE DOES WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE O AND M SIDE. SEPARATIONS AND MAINTENANCE SIDE IN THE GENERAL FUND AS YOUR VALUATIONS GO UP, IF YOU LEAVE YOUR TAX RATE WHERE IT IS, YOU ARE GOING TO BRING IN MORE MONEY. SO OUR BEST PROJECTION NOW IS THAT -- THAT WITH A TWO CENT INCREASE TO THE DEBT SERVICE TAX RATE, ONE CENT FOR THE FIRST TWO YEARS OF THE BOND PROGRAM, WE COULD NOW ISSUE APPROXIMATELY \$135 MILLION FOR THAT TWO CENT INCREASE. SO OUR

PROJECTION I THINK WAS ORIGINALLY 499 MILLION, SO NOW IT'S NOW APPROXIMATELY 530 MILLION.

Mayor Wynn: IN ROUND NUMBERS ONE CENT REPRESENTS ABOUT \$1,515,000,000 AND AGAIN THAT ALSO IS SPREAD OUT OVER SIX YEARS, THAT IS THERE WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY \$19 MILLION A YEAR IN ADDITION TO THE \$50 MILLION A QUHEER THAT WE COULD SELL BASED ON STATUS QUO.

YES, SIR.

Mayor Wynn: THERE'S NOT ANOTHER \$100 MILLION THAT WOULD BE AVAILABLE IN '07 IF WE RAISED TAXES A PENNY AT \$150 MILLION AGAIN WOULD TAKE SIX YEARS IN ORDER TO -- FOR US TO BE ABLE TO SELL THAT IN A BOND.

THAT'S CORRECT. IF WE WERE TO ISSUE IN LARGER AMOUNTS ALL UP FRONT, WE WOULD HAVE TO RAISE THE DEBT SERVICE TAX RATE HIGHER. A COUPLE OF OTHER COMMENTS ABOUT THAT FACT. WE WOULD BE ABLE TO FUND MORE DEBT FOR THE SAME AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT. THE ONE PENNY OR TWO PENNY. BUT OF COURSE THAT'S -- THAT WOULD RESULT IN A SLIGHTLY LARGER TAX BILL. THAN LAST YEAR, ONE CENT INCREASE IS GOING TO BE SLIGHTLY LARGER THAN ONE CENT LAST YEAR. THEN THE ONLY OTHER POINT THAT I WOULD MAKE ABOUT IT IS THOSE ARE THE CURRENT PROJECTIONS WE HAVE. WE THINK THEY ARE REASONABLE OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEAR PERIOD. THEY ARE THE SAME PROJECTIONS OVER THE FIVE YEAR FORECAST. SOMEWHAT AGGRESSIVE. BUT THERE'S ALWAYS THE CHANCE, A GREAT LIKELIHOOD AT SOME POINT IN THE FUTURE OUR ASSESSED VALUE WILL IN FACT DECREASE BECAUSE THAT'S THE HISTORY AT LEAST OF AUSTIN FOR THE LAST 20 OR 25 YEARS, WE HAVE GONE THROUGH A BOOM AND BUST CYCLES AND SO THERE WAS A PERIOD FOR EXAMPLE WHEN YOU OUR AV PEAKED AT 23.4 BILLION IN 1987, THEN DECLINED IN EACH OF THE NEXT FIVE YEARS DOWN TO A LOW OF 16.9 BILLION. ABOUT A -- ABOUT A 28% DECREASE. NOW THE EFFECT ONCE THE BOND ELECTION OR ONCE THE BOND PROGRAM, YOU KNOW, WAS UNDERWAY FOR THAT IS THAT WE COULD STILL FUND THAT, BUT WE WOULD SIMPLY

HAVE TO RAISE THE TAX RATE TO MAKE UP FOR IT.

Mayor Wynn: ALL RIGHT. FOR INSTANCE, REMINDED THAT -- THAT WE STILL ARE PLANNING TO SELL SOME OF THE 1998 BONDS THIS COMING AUGUST. IN FACT THE LAST OF THE 1998 BONDS, I DO REMEMBER THAT BEING PROPOSED AS A SIX YEAR BOND PACKAGE IN '98 WHEN I VOTED FOREVER ONE OF THEM. AND HERE WE ARE EIGHT YEARS LATER SELLING THE LAST OF THOSE BONDS.

THAT'S RIGHT.

BASED ON ESSENTIALLY THEIR ASSESSED VALUE OR PERHAPS EVEN OUR ONGOING ANNUAL O AND M BUDGET NOT HAVING THE ABILITY TO TAKE ON ANOTHER PROJECT, ANOTHER FACILITY, WHATEVER THE CASE MAY BE.

THAT'S CORRECT, MAYOR.

BASED ON THAT. SAY THE SCENARIO OF US CHOOSING TO ADD TWO CENTS TO THE TAX RATE IN ROUND NUMBERS PICKING UP \$20 MILLION A YEAR IN ADDITIONAL DEBT CAPACITY, SO WE GO FROM \$50 MILLION A YEAR TO -- TO ABOUT 90 MILLION A YEAR, VERY -- VERY ROUND NUMBERS, KNOWING THAT IN -- IN THIS QUOIG AUGUST WE ARE STILL SELLING, YOU KNOW, BONDS FROM EIGHT YEARS AGO, OUR FIRST, YOU KNOW, FULL YEAR'S SALE OF THESE BONDS WOULD BE AUGUST OF '07. THAT MAY NOT EVEN BE A FULL YEAR SALE THEN. IN THE PAST WHAT HAS BEEN SORT OF -- SORT OF STAFF RECOMMENDATION AND/OR PAST STRATEGIES AS TO, YOU KNOW, HOW YOU TAKE THAT INTO ACCOUNT WHEN -- WHEN WE HAVE THESE SERIES OF PROJECTS, SERIES OF POTENTIAL INVESTMENTS THAT -- THAT, YOU KNOW, INEVITABLY VIRTUALLY ALL OF US WANT TO HAVE ALL OF THESE DONE MUCH SOONER RATHER THAN LATER. PERHAPS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE CENTRAL LIBRARY, MANY OF THE ADVOCATES THERE ARE RECOGNIZING THE TIMING OF THE PREFERRED SITE BEING SEVERAL YEARS AWAY, SEEMINGLY RECOGNIZING THAT AND APPRECIATING THE FACT THAT BY GOING MUCH LATER IN THE BOND PACKAGE, HAVING THEIR BOND SOLD SEVERAL YEARS FROM NOW. ACTUALLY WORKS WELL FOR THAT PROJECT IS IT AS SIMPLE AS FROM A DEPARTMENTAL

STANDPOINT, CITY MANAGER, YOU TRY TO -- TRY TO -- YOU KNOW, PROPORTIONATELY ALLOCATE SALES PER YEAR AND SO, YOU KNOW, PARKS AND HOUSING AND ROAD RECONSTRUCTION AND PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY GET ONE SIXTH OF WHAT THEY GENERALLY HAD BEEN APPROVED BY THE VOTERS EACH YEAR AND HOW WILL -- I UNDERSTAND THAT THESE DECISIONS ARE MADE ANNUALLY. BUT IT SEEMS TO ME THAT YOU PROBABLY HAVE TO START WITH SOME ASSUMPTIONS AS YOU BEGIN YOUR BOND PACKAGE. YOU HAVE TO, YOU KNOW, GO THROUGH SOME -- SOME SORT OF PRIORITIZATION EITHER, YOU KNOW, MATHEMATICALLY OR OTHERWISE. [ONE MOMENT PLEASE FOR CHANGE IN CAPTIONERS] IT'S A TRICKY BALANCE, JOHN, JEAS SON, GREG DO YOU WANT TO ADD?

OF COURSE AS WE HEARD EARLIER SOME PAST PROJECTS NEVER GET FUNDED. IF THE DOWNTURN IS SIGNIFICANT, THEN EITHER PRIORITIES CHANGE OR THERE'S JUST DIFFERENT DYNAMICS, I MEAN, EVERYTHING FROM -- FROM WE HEARD EARLIER ABOUT THE ZACH SCOTT THEATER 20 YEARS AGO, THE WIDENING THE LAMAR STREET BRIDGE, 25 YEARS AGO. JUST A NUMBER OF PROJECTS THAT PERHAPS NEVER HAPPEN BECAUSE OF THAT VERY DYNAMIC.

AND ACTUALLY THE MAC WOULD BE A CLASSIC EXAMPLE. BY THE TIME THE MAC PROJECT CAME UP, WE HAD HIT THE MASSIVE FUEL INCREASES, INCREASES TO CONCRETE, STEEL, FUEL, THAT PROJECT LOOKS DIFFERENT BECAUSE ALTHOUGH WE STRUGGLE TO FIND ADDITIONAL FUNDING, WE WEREN'T ABLE TO FUND EVERYTHING THAT WAS ORIGINALLY IN THAT PACKAGE. SO A LOT OF THINGS CHANGE OVER THE COURSE OF BOND PACKAGES.

IT IS, IT'S A COMPLICATED CALCULATION. I THINK THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE INTERESTS OF ALL OF THE STAKEHOLDERS, WHETHER THAT'S THROUGH A -- THROUGH A FORMAL PROCESS LIKE WE DID FOR THE UR9 8 BOND ELECTION WITH THE BONDED LIMITATION COMMITTEE, BUT ALSO, YOU KNOW, HOPEFULLY TAKE SOME ADVICE FROM STAFF FOR EXAMPLE IF THERE ARE MAJOR DRAINAGE PROJECTS THAT ARE A PRIORITY THAT CANNOT BE FUNDED BY -- THROUGH CASH FROM THE

DRAINAGE FUND.

Futrell: HEALTH AND SAFETY WOULD BE AN ISSUE THAT WOULD MOVE A PROJECT UP TO THE FRONT END.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCIL JUST RESPECTFUL OF THE HOUR FOR EVERYBODY HERE, BUT I THINK THIS IS OUR FIRST TIME AS A BODY TO BE ABLE TO EVEN THROUGH THE POSTED LANGUAGE FOR US TO BE ABLE TO HAVE THE DISCUSSIONS, I'D LIKE FOR US TO TAKE A FEW MINUTES AT LEAST TO -- TO VISIT HERE AMONG OURSELVES ABOUT, FIRST AND FOREMOST ABOUT THE IDEA OF AT LEAST TWO EXTRA PENNIES, THAT EXTRA \$20 MILLION A YEAR IN ROUND NUMBERS. TO GET FROM THE 300 MILLION TO NORTH OF \$500 MILLION FIRST AND FOREMOST, LET'S MAKE SURE THAT THERE'S CONSENSUS ABOUT THAT. THAT SEEMS TO HAVE ABOUT WHERE MANY OF US INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN MOVING WITH OUR JUST INDIVIDUAL LISTS. BUT I GUESS WE SHOULD OPEN IT UP TO COMMENTS ABOUT THAT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE THAT DIRECTION BEFORE WE START, YOU KNOW, DRAFTING BACKUP FOR NEXT WEEK'S FORMAL DISCUSSION. COMMENTS, QUESTIONS?

I WOULD LIKE TO -- TO ASK STAFF TO GET BACK A COUPLE OF PIECES OF INFORMATION. REALIZING THE DEBT THAT WE ARE EXPECTED TO PAY OFF ON OUR SCHEDULE OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS, ALSO RECOGNIZING THAT -- THE REALITY THAT WHENEVER WE SET -- WHENEVER, IN MY WHOLE HISTORY IN THE CITY'S WHOLE HISTORY I THINK, WHENEVER WE SET A FIVE YEAR BOND PACKAGE OR A SIX YEAR BOND PACKAGE, IT IS ALWAYS AT LEAST ONE OR TWO YEARS LONGER THAN THAT TO SELL IT BECAUSE OF THE UPS AND DOWNS OF THE ECONOMY THAT WE REALLY CAN'T PROJECT AT THE BEGINNING. HEATS SAY IF WE CAN LOOK AT THE CURRENT PACKAGE ON THE TABLE, WE SPREAD IT OUT OVER SEVEN YEARS, PROBABLY CLOSER TO WHAT WE CAN ACTUALLY DO DURING THAT PERIOD. CAN YOU -- CAN YOU SEE HOW THAT WOULD AFFECT THE FUTURE TAX RATES? BECAUSE WE ARE SPREADING IT LONGER AND YOU ARE HAVING ANOTHER YEAR THAT YOU ARE PAYING OFF SOME MONEY, SO IT MIGHT IMPACT THE RATE SLIGHTLY OVER THAT TIME PERIOD. THEN WE HAVE HEARD SOME INTEREST AT LEAST IN PERHAPS ADDING A FEW DOLLARS TO THE

BOND PACKAGE AND IF WE COULD LOOK AT THAT OVER AND JUST DECLARE THAT IT'S GOING TO BE A SEVEN OR AN EIGHT YEAR PACKAGE, LET'S SEE WHAT IMPACT THAT WOULD HAVE ON THE RATES. SO IF YOU CAN GET WITH ME A LITTLE BIT LATER, I CAN GIVE YOU SOME OF THOSE SCHEDULES THAT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE. BECAUSE I THINK THAT IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE LOOK AT WHAT'S REALLY GOING TO BE PROBABLY A MORE REALISTIC SALES SCHEDULE. AND JUST -- JUST TRY TO LOOK AT THAT AS WE START PUTTING THIS PACKAGE REALLY TO SEE. THE OTHER THING THAT I WOULD BE INTERESTING IN, CITY MANAGER, IS WHAT YOU HAVE LEARNED FROM THE BOND COUNCIL AS TO HOW WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO -- TO CRAFT THE ACTUAL BOND PACKAGES ON THE -- ON THE BALLOT AND WHAT WE MAY OR MAY NOT BE ABLE TO PUT TOGETHER. I KNOW THE RULES HAVE CHANGED A BIT IN THE LAST YEAR AND WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO DO THINGS EXACTLY AS WE HAVE IN THE PAST. SO -- SO AS SOON AS YOU CAN, IF YOU CAN KIND OF GIVE US WHAT GUIDE DANCE YOU ARE GETTING.

Futrell: I WOULD ACTUALLY AFTER YOU HAVE WALKED THROUGH THE DISCUSSION WITH THE FINANCES WITH JUST A FEW MINUTES WE COULD WALK OVER THE SORT OF THE BROAD DISCUSSION OF HOW THINGS ARE GROUPED. HAVE TO BE GROUPED. WE ACTUALLY COULD SHOW A SLIDE AND SHOW YOU A VARIETY OF WAYS THAT COULD HAPPEN AND JUST GET YOU THINKING ABOUT IT TOWARDS THE DISCUSSION IN TWO WEEKS.

Mayor Wynn: YOU ALL HAVE BEEN DRAFTING POTENTIAL PACKAGING, CORRECT.

Futrell: WE WILL PUT IN FRONT OF YOU WHEN YOU ARE POSTED FOR THE ITEM TO TALK ABOUT THE BALLOT LANGUAGE. BUT REALLY BEFORE YOU EVEN GET TO BALLOT LANGUAGE, YOU REALLY HAVE A GENERAL DISCUSSION OF HOW THINGS ARE GROUPED. WHAT THINGS ARE GROUPED TOGETHER, THERE ARE LEGAL GUIDELINES THAT WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO FOLLOW AS THAT HAPPENS. BRINGING A LAWYER TO THE PODIUM.

UNLESS THERE'S A SIGNIFICANT COUNCIL OBJECTION TO US ASSUMING THERE'S GOING TO BE AT LEAST TWO CENTS

ADDED TO OUR TAX RATE, THAT SORT OF SET THE TONE FOR THE SCALE, I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR A CONCEPT NOW ON THE PARAMETER THAT WE WILL HAVE TO FACE WHEN IT COMES TO THE PACKAGING OF THESE INDIVIDUAL PROMISES.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL, KAREN KENARD FROM THE LAW DEPARTMENT. THE GENERAL RULE IS THAT IN GROUPING THE PROPOSITIONS, EACH OF THE ITEMS IN A PARTICULAR PROPOSITION MUST BE SUFFICIENTLY RELATED TO EACH OTHER. SO FOR EXAMPLE A STREET RECONSTRUCTION ITEM COULDN'T BE COMBINED WITH SOMETHING RELATED TO THE CENTRAL LIBRARY. WHAT WE HAVE DONE WORKING THROUGH BOND COUNCIL SO FAR IN FINANCIAL SERVICES IS THAT EARLIER TODAY WE GAVE YOU WHAT IS THE FIRST DRAFT OF A PROPOSAL OF GROUPINGS AND SO FOLLOWING THAT GENERAL PROPOSITION THAT THEY HAVE TO BE SUFFICIENTLY RELATED WE HAVE TROYED TO GROUP THE PROJECTS THAT WE WERE AWARE OF INTO THOSE CATEGORIES THAT WE --

CAN WE PUT THAT SLIDE UP. SO THAT WILL HELP GUIDE KARENS DISCUSSION WITH THE COUNCIL, ONCE AGAIN THIS ISN'T THE ONLY WAY YOU CAN DO IT. THERE ARE OTHER WAYS KAREN CAN WALK YOU THROUGH THAT. HERE'S SORT OF A STARTING PLACE FOR THINKING ABOUT GROUPING.

THE FIRST ONE IS TRANSPORTATION RELATED ITEMS AND IN THERE YOU SEE STREET RECONSTRUCTION, A PROPOSED ITEMS RELATED TO SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS, BIKEWAYS AND SIDEWALKS.

BASICALLY ALL OF THE TRANSPORTATION RELATED ITEMS CAN GO IN A SINGLE PROPOSITION.

AND YOU CAN TRANSPORTATION IS A VERY BROAD CATEGORY. SO THAT'S WHAT WE HAVE TRIED TO DO. THE NEXT ONE IS DRAINAGE AND WATER QUALITY PROTECTION. WE INCLUDED DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS, SPECIFICALLY THE PURCHASE OF THE WATER QUALITY PROTECTION LAND.

Futrell: PAUSE THERE KAREN, BECAUSE THIS IS ONE WHERE YOU OBVIOUSLY HAVE SOME CHOICES, YOU COULD

SEPARATE OUT THE WATER QUALITY PROTECTION LAND.

Mayor Wynn: AND WITH PARK --

Futrell: BUT THERE IS ENOUGH RELATION BETWEEN DRAINAGE, EROSION CONTROL, WATER QUALITY, YOU COULD GROUP IT TOGETHER.

EXACTLY. LET ME SAY THIS MAYOR AND COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER, IN MAKING THESE GROUPINGS, WE SPOKE WITH BOND COUNSEL WHO HAS BEEN IN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WILL GIVE US GUIDANCE. ON OUR GROUPINGS. AND OUR LANGUAGE. AND IN THIS PARTICULAR -- THIS IS ONE OF THE PARTICULAR CATEGORIES WHERE WE SOUGHT SOME GUIDANCE IN PUTTING THE WATER QUALITY PROTECTION LANDS INTO THAT PARTICULAR CATEGORY. I JUST WANT TO CAUTION YOU THAT THAT FOOD DANCE IS NOT ANY APPROVAL. BUT WE DO BECAUSE THEY OFFER THAT UP, WE DO OUR BOND COUNSEL DOES SEEK THE GUIDANCE FROM THEM IN THE GROUPING OF THE PROPOSALS BEFORE YOU.

Mayor Wynn: KAREN THAT WOULDN'T SEEM STRANGE TO FOR INSTANCE MY GUESS IS THEN ON THE NEXT LINE WELCOME WHERE WE HAVE PARK FACILITIES AND PARKLAND, PARKLAND IS LAND PURCHASED, IT WOULDN'T SEEM STRANGE TO LUMP THE OPEN SPACE WATER QUALITY PROTECTION LAND ACQUISITION WITH THE PARKLAND ACQUISITION, CORRECT?

LET ME JUST TELL YOU THAT IS ONE THAT WE HAVE SOUGHT THE AG'S GUIDANCE ON. I HAVE A BOND COUNSEL HERE TODAY BART FOWLER. LET ME JUST TELL YOU WHAT POTENTIALLY THE CONCERN WOULD BE WITH DOING THAT. THE GENERAL RULE IS THAT PARKLAND IS LAND THAT IS HOPE TO ACCESS TO THE PUBLIC. WHEREAS OUR ACQUISITION OF THE WATER QUALITY PROTECTION LANDS WOULD BE LAND THAT WOULD HAVE EITHER NO ACCESS OR VERY RESTRICTED ACCESS. AND SO IF BART CAN SPEAK TO THAT. I BELIEVE THE GUIDE DANCE FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IS BECAUSE THE USES OF THE LAND MAY NOT BE SUFFICIENTLY RELATED THERE MAY BE CONCERNS ABOUT

GROUPING THOSE TWO TOGETHER.

Mayor Wynn: PARTICULARLY IF WE WERE TO EVERY USE ANY OF THESE FUNDS FOR CONSERVATION EASEMENT.

SPECIFICALLY THE CONCERN, YES.

Futrell: CONSERVATION EASEMENTS FOR THOSE WATCHING HAVE BEEN USED TO REALLY STRETCH THE DOLLARS. BUT IN A CONSERVATION EASEMENT IT IS VERY UNUSUAL TO HAVE ANY PUBLIC ACCESS. THAT'S PART OF THE DILEMMA.

OF THE NEXT CATEGORY, WE JUST BRIEFLY MENTIONED PARK FACILITIES AND PARKLAND AND IN THAT PARTICULAR PROPOSAL ARE PARK FACILITIES RENOVATIONS, IMPROVEMENTS AND THE GENERAL PARKLAND ACQUISITIONS FOR THE, WHAT WE CONSIDER THE GENERAL PUBLIC PARKS THAT NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS, THINGS OF THAT NATURE. THE NEXT CATEGORY IS HOUSING. THAT WOULD BE THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROPOSALS THAT HAVE COME FORTH THAT RELATE TO RENTAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS. AFFORDABLE HOUSING AN ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS. I WANT TO SPECIFICALLY SAY THAT THIS IS A ANOTHER ONE OF THE ITEMS WHERE OUR BOND COUNSEL AND INTERNAL LAW DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN IN VERY EXTENSIVE CONVERSATIONS WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE ABOUT HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE GUIDANCE THIS NEEDS TO BE A STAND ALONE PROPOSITION JUST FOR THE NATURE OF THE TYPES OF PROGRAMS THAT WILL BE INVOLVED IN THAT. THE SECOND, THE NEXT CATEGORY IS THE LIBRARY. OF COURSE THAT'S THE PROPOSAL RELATED TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW CENTRAL LIBRARY. AND THAT'S A STAND ALONE PROPOSITION BECAUSE THE NATURE OF THE AMOUNT IS THE -- IS THE ONE OF THE LARGEST SINGLE AMOUNTS FOR ONE SINGLE PROJECT AND THE RECOMMENDATION WAS LET THAT BE A STAND ALONE ITEM.

Mayor Wynn: THE LEGAL RECOMMENDATION OR JUST THE --

I BELIEVE THAT THE AG DID GIVE US GUIDANCE BECAUSE OF THE AMOUNT OF THAT ONE SINGLE ITEM IT'S -- IT'S NOT A GROUPING OF ITEMS, IT'S SUCH A LARGE AMOUNT FOR THAT

ONE SINGLE ITEM THAT THE GUIDANCE. MAYBE BART MAY BE WANT TO SPEAK TO THAT MORE, BUT THAT THAT MIGHT BE A STAND ALONE PARTICULAR ITEM.

WHEN TALKING ABOUT THIS, BART, IF YOU WILL HELP WITH THIS, ALSO, THINK ABOUT THIS AS FOR EXAMPLE COULD CULTURAL FACILITIES BE BLENDED WITH LIBRARY.

IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THERE MAY BE SOME LIBRARY COMPONENTS TO THE CULTURAL FACILITIES THAT ARE BEING CONSIDERED. SO THEY -- THE ANSWER IS PROBABLY YES. THEY COULD BE COMBINED. TYPICALLY YOU SEE A PROPOSITION JUST FOR LIBRARIES, NOT NECESSARILY ONE SPECIFIC THAT'S GOING TO BE THIS BIG, THIS IS A UNIQUE PROJECT. BUT YOU WILL SEE ONE SPECIFIC BOND PROPOSITION FOR LIBRARIES, MAYBE A LIBRARY SYSTEM, THAT'S NOT YOU RECALLLY GROUPED WITH CULTURAL FACILITIES. THOSE ARE SET OUT SEPARATELY. THAT'S THE WAY IT'S DONE HERE, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS SUGGESTED THAT AS WELL FOR THESE PROJECTS.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER KIM.

WHAT WE ARE SEEING IS THAT LIBRARIES ARE NOW USED FOR -- FOR CULTURAL EVENTS AND FOR DISPLAY OF ART WORK. YOU LOOK AT NEW YORK, THEY HAVE A PERFORMING ARTS LIBRARY, THEY HAVE ALL OF THESE DIFFERENT THINGS THAT HAVE CULTURAL COMPONENTS TO THEM. AS WELL AS SOME OF THESE CULTURAL FACILITIES MAY EVEN HAVE MANY LIBRARIES OF THEIR OWN. CULTURAL CENTERS LOOKING TO HAVE A SMALL LIBRARY OF THEIR OWN. THERE IS A LOT OF LINKAGE THERE.

YES, COUNCILMEMBER. I DON'T WANT MEAN TO IMPLY THAT IT COULDN'T BE. I WAS GIVING KIND OF THE GUIDANCE THAT WE HAVE GOTTEN AND I GUESS THE REASONING BEHIND WHY WHAT YOU ARE SEEING IS WHY IT WAS THERE. I THINK WE COULD LOOK AT THAT. WHAT WE WANT TO DO SINCE WE SOUGHT INPUT FROM THE AG, TAKE IT BACK TO THEM, HAVE MORE DISCUSSIONS WITH THEM. I DON'T MEAN TO IMPLY THAT WE CANNOT DO THAT. THIS IS JUST A WAY -- THE WAY IT CAME OUT FROM OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH THEM. BUT I DON'T MEAN TO IMPLY THAT IT COULD NOT BE CONSIDERED

IN THE CULTURAL FACILITIES PROPOSITION. KIM KILL I WOULD LIKE TO SEE □□ IF WE CAN COMBINE THEM.

WE WILL HAVE THOSE CONVERSATIONS BRING THAT BACK TO YOU NEXT WEEK.

THANK.

THE NEXT PROPOSAL IS FOR CULTURAL FACILITIES. THE PROPOSED FACILITIES THAT ARE IN THAT PROPOSED GROUPING ARE THE MEXICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER, THE ASIAN RESOURCE CENTER, THE ZACHARY SCOTT THEATER AND THE AUSTIN FILM STUDIOS.

Futrell: JUST FOR YOU ALL TO START THINKING ABOUT, IS IN DRAFTS OF BALLOT LANGUAGE RIGHT NOW, I THINK WE HAVE IT WHERE CULTURAL FACILITIES IN THE ACTUAL BALLOT LANGUAGE DRAFT DON'T NAME THE FACILITIES.

IN THE DRAFT NEWSPAPER BUT IN THE BROCHURE LANGUAGE THE THOUGHT WAS THEN YOU MIGHT NAME THEM.

LET ME SAY THAT THE LAW ALLOWS US TO DO EITHER/OR. EITHER/OR.

Futrell: THAT'S WHY I WANT YOU TO THINK ABOUT IT, THAT WILL BE A POLICY CHOICE TO DECIDE WHETHER YOU WOULD HAVE A BROADER LANGUAGE ABOUT CULTURAL FACILITIES OR YOU WANT TO BE VERY SPECIFIC ABOUT THE TYPE, THE - - THAT -- EACH OF THOSE FACILITIES.

LET ME SAY THERE IS A LEGAL CONCERN THAT MAY ARISE THAT IF YOU DO NAME THEM, IF YOU NAME THEM, AND SAY AFTER LONG-TERM, YOU KNOW, YOU ARE DOING ALL OF THE FACILITIES, AND YOU GO TO THE ISSUE FUNDING PURSUANT TO ALL OF THE BOND FUNDS, THE AG WILL LOOK AT THE SPECIFIC PROJECT'S'S NAMED TO SEE WHETHER OR NOT THEY HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AS YOU CONTINUE TO ISSUE ADDITIONAL BONDS UNDER THOSE. SO AN EXAMPLE OF THAT IS MANY YEARS AGO WHEN WE DID THE AUSTIN MUSEUM OF ART BONDS. AND THEN AS THINGS CHANGED OVER TIME, AND THE ECONOMY WAS UP AND DOWN AND

THE VISION FOR THAT PROJECT CHANGED, WE ENDED UP SOME DOLLARS THAT WEREN'T GOING TO BE USED BUT WE COULDN'T USE THEM FOR ANYTHING ELSE BECAUSE THEY WERE TIED TO A SPECIFIC PROJECT THAT WASN'T GOING TO HAPPEN. AT THAT POINT. SO IT'S JUST SOMETHING TO CONSIDER WHEN YOU -- WHEN YOU MAKE A DECISION ABOUT HOW SPECIFIC YOU WANT TO BE IN NAMING AN ACTUAL PROJECT.

WELL AGAIN, ADDITIONAL QUESTION ON THIS LINE ITEM FOR INSTANCE. AGAIN THIS IS THE -- YOU KNOW, SORT OF THE PROPOSAL THAT HAS COME TO US AS A DRAFT FORMAT, YOU KNOW, THROUGH THE STAFF PROCESS. WE'VE HEARD, A HANDFUL OF THE ADDITIONAL PROJECTS WE HEARD TESTIMONY TONIGHT ABOUT. ELIZABET NEY MUSEUM, SUZANNE DICKINSON HOUSE GRAINS PER CUBIC METER BOTH OF THOSE PARK FACILITY AND PACK LAND.

TENNIS OBVIOUSLY COULD GRAINS PER CUBIC METER LET ME GIVE YOU ANOTHER EXAMPLE. EARLIER IN ONE VERSION OF THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN QUALITY OF LIFE PACKAGE. THERE WAS A PROPOSAL ON HEALTH EXAM ROOMS. IT NOT THE WHOLE PACKAGE WITH YOU BUT IT WAS A PART OF THE PACKAGE. IF I UNDERSTAND IT, YOU ALL CORRECT ME BECAUSE THIS WE JUST RECENTLY GOT A RULING, NOT A RULING, GUIDANCE ON. WE HAD ORIGINALLY IN THE LAST CATEGORY SAID PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY. AS IT TURNS OUT THE GUIDANCE IS WE MUST KEEP PUBLIC SAFETY SEPARATE FROM HEALTH. SO IF YOU HAD A STAND ALONE ITEM OUTLET THERE OF A FEW ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR TWO EXAM ROOMS, THAT MIGHT HAVE TO STAND ALONE AS A PROPOSITION. SO THAT'S ONE THAT COULD BE PROBLEMATIC.

THAT'S CORRECT. THE PROBLEM WITH PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY SPECIFICALLY, THE AG GAVE US GUIDANCE IN ORDER TO HAVE THE ANIMAL SHELTER PROPOSAL IN THERE THAT THAT IS MORE PUBLIC SAFETY THAN HEALTH. SO IF WE ARE GOING TO PUT HEALTH PROPOSED ITEMS THEY WOULD NEED TO BE IN A DIFFERENT --

Futrell: OR THERE WAS A PARTICULAR ONE ONLY ECONOMIC

DEVELOPMENT, IT WOULD HAVE TO STAND ALONE.

Mayor Wynn: SORRY. SO THE INDICATION WAS THAT THE ANIMAL SHELTER COULD NOT BE IN A PUBLIC SAFETY. >

IT COULDN'T SAY HEALTH. PUBLIC SAFETY AS YOU WILL SEE ON THE NEXT.

Futrell: LET ME WALK BACK THROUGH WHAT HAPPENED. WHEN WE ORIGINALLY LOADED THE ANIMAL SHELTER HERE WE HAD THE TITLE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY. WHEN THE CONCERN WAS RAISED, WE HAD TO TAKE HEALTH OUT JUST PUBLIC SAFETY. SO THAT LEFT THE QUESTION OF COULD THE ANIMAL SHELTER STILL FIT IN THE PUBLIC SAFETY PROPOSITION? AND WE WENT BACK AND SOUGHT GUIDANCE ON THAT. REMEMBER IN THE ANIMAL SHELTER CRUELTY INVESTIGATIONS ARE HOUSED THERE, THERE'S ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT OF THE LEASH LAWS, RABIES, KWAN TEEN, THERE IS AND YOU AND YOU QUARANTINE, THERE IS AN ELEMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY WE GOT GUIDANCE SAYING IT WAS OKAY TO LEAVE THE ANIMAL SHELTER IN. THAT JUST HAPPENED I BELIEVE YESTERDAY.

YESTERDAY.

Thomas: MAYOR IF YOU DON'T MIND. I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU ARE SAYING BECAUSE WHEN THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN QUALITY OF LIFE BROUGHT THOSE INITIATIVES, SO YOU ARE SAYING THAT WE CAN'T USE THE -- THE EXAMINATION ROOMS UNDER PARK FACILITIES RENOVATION?

THAT'S EXACTLY RIGHT.

BECAUSE THEY ARE SPELLED OUT AS HEALTH EXAM ROOMS. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING TO TALK ABOUT HOW THAT CAN BE -- CAN BE BROADENED. THE BETTER WAY TO DO THAT SO IT DOESN'T STAND OUT ALONE IS TO TALK ABOUT A CULTURAL DISTRICT. CULTURAL AND HISTORIC DISTRICT. IT FITS ALMOST ALL OF THE NEEDS WITH THE ONE EXCEPTION OF HEALTH CLINICS. EVERYTHING ELSE COULD FIT UNDER CULTURAL FACILITIES.

YES.

THAT WAS ANY NEXT QUESTION. SO THE -- MY NEXT QUESTION. EXCUSE ME, CHIEF. THE REST OF THE ITEMS COULD FIT UNDER THE [INDISCERNIBLE] FACILITIES BUT THAT ONE WOULD BE SITTING OUT THERE BY ITSELF. THAT'S LIKE SUICIDE BUT ANYWAYS.

YES.

ONE GOOD EXAMPLE.

YES MAYOR PRO TEM. THE -- THE TWO ITEMS THAT WE ARE LOOKING AT AT 908, 912 EAST 11th STREET, BOTH OF THOSE FIT INTO THE DISTRICT AND THEN ALSO THE -- THE CHESTNUT LOCATION THAT THERE'S BEEN TRADITIONAL YOUTH ACTIVITIES THERE --

PARKS.

PARKS FACILITIES. SO THE ONLY OUTLIER THAT WE ARE TAKING A LOOK AT IS THE TWO EXAM ROOMS.

Thomas: OKAY. BUT WE ARE GOING TO STILL TRY TO WORK ON -- I DIDN'T SEE THAT IN THE DRAFT BALLOT. I DON'T SEE IT NOWHERE IN THAT, SO WE HAVEN'T PLACED THEM IN HERE AS FAR AS THE AMOUNT. I DON'T EVEN SEE --

NO. THE AMOUNT THAT YOU ARE SEEING HERE, THE ITEMS DOESN'T HAVE ANY OF THE ADDS THAT HAVE BEEN TALKED ABOUT RECENTLY.

OKAY.

OKAY.

EVEN ABOUT THE HOUSE THAT THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT EARLIER AND ALL OF THAT?

THAT'S RIGHT.

OKAY.

WE ARE STILL FINISHING UP SOME OF THE NUMBERS ON THAT AND WE WILL BE SHARING THAT WITH COUNCIL.

OKAY.

THAT IS JUST SOMETHING ELSE TO THINK ABOUT. WE HAVE GONE AND WORKED AGENTS HARDER ON THE COST ESTIMATES. THEY HAVE COME IN UP HIGHER. SO -- SO WITHOUT THE EXAM ROOMS, WE ARE A LITTLE BIT -- WE ARE CLOSER TO 2.5 MILLION RIGHT NOW WITHOUT THE EXAM ROOMS.

YES. YES. SOME OF THOSE INITIAL NUMBERS CAME IN FROM THE COMMUNITY. SOME OF THE PROFESSIONAL ADVICE THAT THEY HAVE RECEIVED SINCE THAT POINT WE HAVE BEEN WORKING CLOSELY WITH PUBLIC WORKS. SO WE ARE NOW GETTING TO THE NUMBERS THAT WE THINK WILL BE MORE REALISTIC AND AS THE CITY MANAGER WAS TALKING ABOUT BEFORE, WE HAVE TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION WHEN THOSE -- IN THE FIVE TO SIX YEAR PERIOD IT WOULD POSSIBLY BE FUNDED AS WELL. SO WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE GIVING YOU NUMBERS THAT WILL WORK IF -- PARTICULARLY IF IT'S FUNDED IN THE LATTER YEARS.

ANOTHER THING TO CONSIDER THERE IS TWO OF THE FACILITIES ARE HISTORIC FACILITIES AND ARE GOING TO REQUIRE EXTENSIVE RESTORATION AND WE HAVE A LITTLE BETTER SENSE OF THAT COST NOW.

OKAY. THANK YOU, MAYOR.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS?  
COUNCILMEMBER KIM?

Kim: CITY MANAGER, WHEN YOU SAID IN THE PAST FOR THE AUSTIN MUSEUM OF ART WE COULDN'T USE THE FUNDS EVEN THOUGH BECAUSE THEY WERE OBLIGATED THAT PROJECT, I GUESS THE MATCHING FUNDS WEREN'T AVAILABLE AT THAT TIME, WHAT HAPPENS IN THAT SITUATION? SINCE THE TAX RATE HAS BEEN RAISED, WE JUST DON'T --

Futrell: WELL ACTUALLY TWO THINGS HAPPENED. EITHER

ONE CAN KIND OF HELP BUT WE ACTUALLY DID NOT END UP DOING ALL OF THE INCREASES THAT WERE ORIGINALLY ANTICIPATE UNDERSTAND THAT BOND PACKAGE AND WE WILL LET JOHN SPEAK TO THAT. WE ACTUALLY BASICALLY WHAT'S THE WORD I'M LOSING IT, IT'S A LITTLEA LITTLE LATE. DEFEASE. WE DEFEASE THE BOND. IT WENT AWAY.

WE HAVE TWO CHOICES TO DEAUTHORIZE IF THE BONDS HAVE NEVER IN FACT BEEN ISSUED. WE SIMPLY DEAUTHORIZE THE BONDS. IN THIS CASE THE BONDS HAD BEEN ISSUED AND MONEY WAS SITTING IN THE C.I.P. ACCOUNT FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. WE SIMPLY DEFEASED THE DEBT. REPAID IT OFF. USED THE MONEY IN THE C.I.P. BOND PROCEEDS TO PAY OFF RELATED PRINCIPALS AND SOME OTHER GENERAL OBLIGATION -- GRAINS PER CUBIC METER THAT HAPPENED AROUND THE SAME TIME THAT WE WERE DOING THE SPECIAL BOND PACKAGE, THE 2000 BOND PACKAGE ON TRANSPORTATION AND SO IT JUST GOT FACTORED INTO HOW MUCH DEBT WAS GOING TO --

INCLUDED THAT AS A FUNDING SOURCE FOR THAT BOND ELECTION.

Kim: SO WE ISSUED LESS DEBT THAN ON THE TRANSPORTATION SIDE, IS THAT WHAT YOU ARE SAYING?

WE ESSENTIALLY WERE ABLE TO REPLACE THAT WITH TRANSPORTATION BONDS BY DEFEASING IT, PAYING OFF PRINCIPAL AND -- PRINCIPLE AND REPLACE KNOWLEDGE IT.

GOING OUT ON A DIFFERENT PACKAGE.

Mayor Wynn: THE LESSON IS THINGS WILL CHANGE BETWEEN NOW AND SEVEN YEARS FROM NOW.

THAT'S WHY WE WILL BE RECOMMENDING TO YOU HAS SOME OF THE LANGUAGE -- THAT SOME OF YOUR BALLOT LANGUAGE BE MORE FLEXIBLE SO YOU DON'T FIND YOURSELF IN THAT BOX.

Mayor Wynn: WELL, THIS HAS BEEN HELPFUL TO ME, COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN?

McCracken: IF -- WELL, FOR STARTERS THAT KIND OF SUGGESTS AGAIN THAT IF THERE'S A CERTAIN AMOUNT THAT TENDS TO DROP OFF, EVEN THOUGH IT'S APPROVED FOR WHATEVER REASON, IT DOES SUGGEST THAT WE ACTUALLY WOULD HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADD IN MORE ITEMS SINCE THERE SEEMS TO BE A FACTOR THAT DROPS OFF OR IS IT NOT OR DO WE ANTICIPATE THAT CERTAIN AMOUNT OF CONTROL -- DROP OFF AS A RESULT OF WHAT ULTIMATELY IN DETERMINING THE COST IMPACT?

I THINK ACTUALLY IT'S NOT SO MUCH THAT WE ANTICIPATE THAT ITEMS WILL DROP OFF. WE WOULD ADVISE YOU TO BE A LITTLE MORE FLEXIBLE IN YOUR DOLLAR AMOUNTS, NOT SPECIFYING SUCH SPECIFIC PROJECTS, EACH ROAD PROJECT AND THEN HAVE ROAD PRIORITIES CHANGE AND THEN THERE'S SOME DOLLARS THAT YOU CAN'T USE AND, TWO, THAT -- THAT THE -- THERE ARE MANY THINGS THAT YOU CAN'T COUNT ON. THE ECONOMY -- CLASSIC EXAMPLE OF THE 1998 BONDS. NO ONE WAS ANTICIPATING WHEN WE WERE IN THE HEIGHT OF THE BOOM THAT WE WOULD HIT 911 WOULD HAPPEN AND THAT BOND PACKAGE WOULD STRETCH OUT TO EIGHT, NINE YEARS. TO GET EVERYTHING COMPLETED. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT COUNCILMEMBER DUNKERLY SPOKE TO EARLIER, ABOUT EVEN HOW MANY YEARS YOU PACKAGE A BOND PACKAGE, ONE OF THE FACTORS THAT SHE ALLUDED TO WAS NOT EVEN JUST YOUR FINANCIAL CAPACITY, BUT YOUR CAPACITY TO GET PROJECTS DONE ON THE GROUND. IT TAKES PROJECT MANAGERS, ADMINISTRATION AND A LOT OF WORK TO GET PROJECTS BUILT AND ON THE GROUND. AND THERE IS JUST SO MUCH CAPACITY TO DO THAT.

Dunkerly: LET ME ADD ONE THING TO WHAT THE CITY MANAGER SAID. RIGHT NOW WE DO GET A LOT OF CITIZENS INPUT, NEIGHBORHOOD INPUT THAT REALLY DOES EXTEND THE PLANNING AND DESIGN TIME ON MANY OF THESE PROJECTS AND -- AND WE NEVER THINK ABOUT THAT. BUT -- BUT THAT'S A MAJOR FACTOR, TOO.

THAT WAS IN FACT ONE OF THE ROPES THAT AS YOU TALKED TO THE LIBRARY FOLKS, THEY ARE -- THEY ARE TELLING US WE WANT TO GO -- WE WANT TO BE AT THE END BECAUSE THEY UNDERSTAND THERE'S GOING TO BE

SIGNIFICANT PUBLIC I OBJECT PUT PROCESS INTO THE DESIGN AND LOCATION AND THE WORK THAT HAS TO HAPPEN TO GET RED TO THE CENTRAL LIBRARY.

I GUESS THE MESSAGE THEN IS THE DOLLAR AMOUNT THAT YOU WANT TO AUTHORIZE, LET THE PROJECTS FILL THE AMOUNT THAT YOU HAVE -- THAT YOU HAVE PUT FORWARD TO THE VOTERS. YOU SET YOUR LANGUAGE GENERALLY ENOUGH.

Futrell: HAVE ENOUGH SPECIFICITY THAT PEOPLE KNOW WHAT THEY ARE VOTING ON, BUT KEEP THE FLEXIBILITY THAT YOU CAN MOVE THINGS AROUND AND STAY WITHIN THE INTENT OF THE BOND PACKAGE WITHOUT LOCKING YOURSELF IN. LIKE THE AUSTIN MUSEUM OF ART. [ONE MOMENT PLEASE FOR CHANGE IN CAPTIONERS]

McCracken: IF WE WERE TO AUTHORIZE MORE THAN 5.36, 5.32, DESCRIBE FOR US THEN WHAT THAT MEANS IN TERMS OF, THAT'S ABOUT 118 PER PENNY YOU SAID?

Futrell: LET'S SAY YOU WANTED TO ADD 16 MILLION, JUST FOR THE SAKE OF ARGUMENT YOU WANTED TO ADD 16 MILLION. WE FACTOR THAT WOULD BE ABOUT A SIXTH OF A CENT.

Thomas: YOU SAID 60 MILLION?

16. 16, DON'T EVERYBODY GET EXCITED. IT WOULD BE 2-POINT -- >>

McCracken: THAT'S THE WAY I WAS THINKING ABOUT IT BECAUSE FOR INSTANCE IF YOU WERE TO ADD HALF A CENT, WHAT WOULD THAT TRANSLATE INTO IN DOLLARS IN THE BOND PACKAGE?

SOMEWHERE BETWEEN 55 AND 60 MILLION.

McCracken: OKAY. BECAUSE COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ AND I ARE KIND OF DOING THE MATH IN THAT SENSE AND WE FIGURED OUT THAT HALF A CENT -- IF YOU TAKE THE MEDIAN HOME PRICE IN AUSTIN, AND WE JUST SAID OKAY, LET'S SAY \$200,000, SOMEWHERE BETWEEN 175 AND 200,000, BUT A HALF A CENT EXTRA TRANSLATES INTO \$10 A YEAR IN YOUR

PROPERTY TAXES.

PROBABLY ABOUT RIGHT.

McCracken: SO THAT'S LESS THAN A DOLLAR A MONTH AND YOU COULD GET IT TURNS OUT 50 TO \$60 MILLION MORE THAN FOR LESS THAN A DOLLAR A MONTH FOR THE MEDIAN AUSTIN HOMEOWNER. AND I GUESS THE QUESTION THEN BECOMES IF WE WANTED TO SAY, OKAY, AUSTIN VOTERS, WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEND LESS THAN A DOLLAR EXTRA A MOONT TO GET AN EXTRA \$60 MILLION HYPOTHETICALLY, COULD WE EVEN DO THAT? HOW MANY YEARS DOES THAT MEAN? WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR THE CAPACITY TO ISSUE BONDS? RUN THAT THROUGH FOR US.

Futrell: TALK A LITTLE BIT IN THIS THE DIFFERENCE -- WHAT WOULD HAPPEN AT TWO CENTS OR TWO AND A HALF CENTS, SIX YEARS VERSUS SEVEN YEARS, WHAT HAPPENED?

I CAN'T GIVE YOU WHAT THE EXACT NUMBER WOULD BE, BUT IT WOULD LOWER BY SOME SMALL AMOUNT THE AMOUNT THAT YOU WOULD HAVE TO RAISE, THE DEBT SERVICE TAX RATE, BECAUSE YOU'RE SIMPLY ISSUING A SMALLER AMOUNT OF DEBT. IF YOU'RE ISSUING IT PRO RATA OVER SEVEN YEARS INSTEAD OF OVER SIX YEARS, YOU'RE ISSUING A SMALLER AMOUNT, SO IT'S GOING TO BE A SMALLER INCREASE ON --

Futrell: ANOTHER IMPACT MIGHT BE, CORRECT ME IF I'M WRONG, HELPING A LITTLE BIT WITH THE RATIO OF DEBT PER CAPITA TO STRETCH IT OUT A LITTLE BIT LONGER.

IT WOULD ALSO DO THAT BECAUSE PRESUMING YOUR POPULATION WOULD GROW SOME IN THAT SEVENTH YEAR, THEN THAT WOULD LOWER YOUR DEBT PER CAPITA RATIO.

BUT THESE ARE SMALL CHANGES, RIGHT, JOHN.

VERY SMALL CHANGES, VERY SMALL.

McCracken: I'M NOT SURE I FOLLOWED THAT. YOU'RE SAYING IF WE AUTHORIZED OVER A LONGER PERIOD OF TIME OR IF WE SAID WE WOULD ALSO RAISE AN EXTRA HALF CENT IN

THE TAX RATE?

I WAS SPEAKING STRICTLY TO TIME. PICK ANY AMOUNT YOU WANT. THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SIX AND SEVEN YEARS WOULD GIVE YOU A LITTLE MORE DEBT BECAUSE YOU CAN STRETCH IT OUT OVER TIME, AND IT WOULD HELP YOU A LITTLE BIT WITH YOUR DEBT PER CAPITA RATIO. THOSE ARE JUST SOME OF THE IMPACTS IF YOU'RE TRYING TO UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCE. IT ALSO HELPS YOU WITH YOUR CAPACITY TO PUT PROJECTS ON THE GROUND. REMEMBER, THE LAST BOND PACKAGE WE DID THAT WAS A G.O. BOND PACKAGE WAS IN THE 300-MILLION-DOLLAR RANGE. SO THIS IS A SIGNIFICANTLY LARGER DOLLAR AMOUNT.

McCracken: RIGHT. THE ORGANIZATION CAN ONLY HANDLE SO MUCH. I THINK THAT'S PROBABLY A MUCH BIGGER LIMITATION THAN MANY OF US RECOGNIZE GOING INTO IT. AND CLEARLY ALSO THE FACT THAT IF YOU GO ABOVE A CERTAIN THRESHOLD ON YOUR DEBT RATIO PER CAPITA, YOU -- I THINK YOU START GETTING HIGHER INTEREST RATES, RIGHT?

THAT WOULDN'T NECESSARILY TRANSLATE INTO HIGHER INTEREST RATES. OUR DEBT PER CAPITA, AS WE PRESENTED THE INFORMATION TO YOU LAST YEAR, AND IT'S REALLY ESSENTIALLY THE SAME STORY THIS YEAR, OUR DEBT PER CAPITA HERE IN AUSTIN IS HIGH WHEN YOU LOOK AT US IN COMPARISON TO OTHER TEXAS CITIES. IT'S NOT HIGH WHEN YOU COMPARE US TO A NATIONAL MEDIAN. AND I DON'T THINK IT WOULD AFFECT YOUR INTEREST RATES BECAUSE WE ARE CORRESPONDINGLY LOW TO OUR ASSESSED VALUE. OUR DEBT TO ASSESSED VALUE IS LOWER COMPARED TO MAJOR TEXAS CITIES AND COMPARED NATIONWIDE.

Futrell: THE DEBT PER CAPITA RATIO IS SOMETHING THAT PEOPLE PICK UP AND PUBLICLY TALK ABOUT. IT'S ONE THAT REZ SON NAITs, BUT IT'S ACTUALLY LESS IMPORTANT TO THE BOND HOUSES THAN LIKE DEBT TO ASSESSED VALUATION BECAUSE THAT GETS YOU TO YOUR ACTUAL ABILITY TO BACK UP THOSE BONDS, YOUR ABILITY TO PAY.

McCracken: THAT'S GOOD TO HEAR. IF THAT DOESN'T AFFECT OUR INTEREST RATES REALLY, THEN IT BECOMES THE -- IT REALLY BECOMES A MATTER OF LOCAL CONTROL FOR THE VOTERS OF AUSTIN TO DECIDE, WELL, DO WE, FOR INSTANCE, WANT TO TAKE ON THIS EXTRA AMOUNT OF DEBT AND PAY FOR IT? THAT WOULD BE A FAIR QUESTION FOR THE VOTERS TO DECIDE.

Futrell: WE DO WANT YOU TO UNDERSTAND THAT YOUR DEBT PER CAPITA IS A BIG OUT LIER WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE TEXAS CITIES. IN THE NEWSPAPER STORIES IF YOU WERE GOING TO LAY THAT OUT, IT MIGHT HAVE A PUBLIC IMAGE IMPACT, BUT IT HAS A LESS IMPACT ON WHAT THE BOND HOUSES ARE.

THAT IS AN ISSUE AND THAT WOULD BE SOMETHING THAT THE VOTERS CAN DECIDE, RIGHT? WOULD THEY WANT TO DEAL WITH THE INTERNAL DISCOMFORT, ALTHOUGH APPARENTLY THE BOND HOUSES DON'T THINK IT'S A BIG DEAL BECAUSE OF OUR RATIO TO ASSESSED VALUE BEING VERY STRONG.

Futrell: AND THEY LOOK AT A NUMBER OF OTHER RATIOS THAT ARE VERY STRONG.

McCracken: LOWEST TAX RATE NG THE STATE, BEST BOND RATING IN THE STATE. MY FINAL POINT ON THIS THEN IS COULD YOU GIVE US -- WALK US THROUGH IN THE NEXT WEEK OR SO AS WE PREPARE THE BALLOT LANGUAGE, IF WE DID ELECT TO GO WITH AN EXTRA HALF CENT, THIS IS COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ'S IDEA, WHAT THAT WOULD MEAN IN TERMS OF YEARS? BECAUSE CLEARLY FOR THE -- IF WE'RE ABLE TO DO IT, RAUL'S IDEA OF AN EXTRA HALF CENT MEANS LESS THAN A BUCK A MONTH YOU CAN RAISE AN EXTRA 55, \$60 MILLION, WELL, THEN THE QUESTION IS IF YOU CAN DO IT, WELL, THEN, OKAY, BUT THE FIRST TWO POINTS SEEM PRETTY STRONG.

Futrell: AND WE CAN RUN IT FOR YOU AT SIX YEARS, AT SEVEN YEARS. OKAY? AND AT COST PER HOUSEHOLD.

Alvarez: MAYOR?

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ.

Alvarez: I'LL SPEAK TO MY IDEA. [ LAUGHTER ]

McCracken: I THINK IT'S A GOOD IDEA. I'LL TAKE IT IF YOU DON'T WANT CREDIT FOR IT.

Alvarez: I THINK CLEARLY THERE'S A LOT OF INTEREST IN THE COMMUNITY AND SEEING SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER NUMBERS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND OPEN SPACE, WATER QUALITY PROTECTION AND SEVERAL OTHER CULTURAL FACILITIES. AND IT JUST SEEMS BASED ON HOW MUCH WE'VE WHITTLED THE PACKAGE DOWN ALREADY THAT TRYING TO SQUEEZE THE KIND OF -- THE LEVEL OF FUNDING I GUESS THAT IS BEING REQUESTED OUT OF THOSE ALREADY WHITTLED DOWN LINE ITEMS WOULD PROBABLY BE NEXT TO IMPOSSIBLE. AGAIN, WITHOUT SEEING SOME SERIOUS FACILITIES OR ACTIVITIES CURTAILED. AND THEN I JUST NATURALLY SAID, WELL, IF WE NEED MORE FUNDS FOR SOME OF THE COMMUNITY PRIORITIES THAT WE'RE HEARING FROM, THEN MAYBE A LITTLE INCREASE IN YEAR THREE COULD GET US TO A PLACE WHERE WE'D BE CLOSER TO THE TARGETS THAT THE COMMUNITY HAS SAID OR THE BOND ELECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE. AND MAYBE THIS IS THE -- I WAS GOING TO ASK A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS, BUT ONE IS - - I GUESS INCREASING THE -- IT'S GETTING LATE. I'M HAVING TROUBLE FORMULATING THE QUESTION.

Futrell: WE'RE GETTING A CALCULATOR OUT RIGHT NOW.

Alvarez: IS A DOLLAR IN YEARS ONE AND TWO?

Futrell: JOHN, SPEAK TO HOW WE HAVE IT. WE ACTUALLY DON'T -- I DON'T BELIEVE WE HAVE THE FIRST PENNY IN THE FIRST YEAR. HAVEN'T WE SPREAD IT OUT?

Alvarez: PENNY. I KEEP SAYING DOLLAR.

YOU'D GET A LOT OF BONDS FOR THAT. [ LAUGHTER ] OUR SCENARIOS SHOW THAT THE FIRST PENNY THAT WE WOULD ADD A PENNY IN 2008 IN THIS CASE.

Futrell: AND THE SECOND ONE IN 2009. AND THAT'S IN THE

FINANCIAL FORECAST RIGHT NOW.

Alvarez: I GUESS WHAT I WAS TRYING TO ASCERTAIN REALLY WAS THAT WOULD ALLOW US TO FUND WHAT'S ON THE TABLE RIGHT NOW, 536 MILLION, AND WHAT KIND OF ADDED TAX INCREASE WOULD THAT -- WOULD THAT IMPLY, I GUESS, FOR A PENNY IN THE FIRST TWO YEARS OF THE BOND PACKAGE.

Futrell: DO WE HAVE THAT? WE SHOULD HAVE THAT NUMBER RUN ARRESTED IN OUR CURRENT PROJECTIONS OF HAVING A PENNY IN '08 AND A PENNY IN 2009, DO WE HAVE THE COST PER HOMEOWNER?

IT WOULD BE ADDING ONE PENNY TO THE TAX RATE. AGAIN, IF YOU ASSUME THE 200,000-DOLLAR VALUE HOME, THEN ADDING ONE PENNY TO THE TAX RATE IS GOING TO BE AN ADDITIONAL \$20 A YEAR.

Futrell: SO THAT'S WHAT YOU HAVE.

Alvarez: AGAIN, KIND OF THINKING THROUGH THIS, FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$40 A YEAR YOU'RE GETTING THIS PACKAGE OF 536 MILLION DOLLARS' WORTH OF IMPROVEMENTS. IF YOU ADD HALF A PENNY IN YEAR THREE, YOU KNOW, SO THEN YOU'RE LOOKING AT APPROXIMATELY \$50 INSTEAD OF A 40-DOLLAR INCREASE. SO FOR AN EXTRA \$10 YOU'RE GETTING POTENTIALLY 15 MILLION FOR HOUSING, 15 MILLION FOR OPEN SPACE, SOME ADDITIONAL MONIES FOR CULTURAL FACILITIES. AND SO THAT'S REALLY WHAT I WAS TRYING TO GET AT.

Futrell: MONEY TO GO INTO DRAINAGE. THAT WAS A JOKE. I WAS TRYING, GUYS, I WAS TRYING. I SEE YOU BACK THERE. [ LAUGHTER ]

Alvarez: I GUESS IN TERMS OF TRYING TO FIGURE OUT, AGAIN, THE COSTS AND BENEFITS OR THE PROS AND CONS OF EVEN ADDING -- MAYBE NOT EVEN A FULL PENNY IN YEAR THREE, BUT A PARTIAL PENNY AND THEN, AGAIN, HOW MUCH SORT OF BANG FOR YOUR BUCK DO YOU GET FOR DOING THAT IN TERMS OF OBVIOUSLY SOME VERY IMPORTANT

COMMUNITY PRIORITIES.

Futrell: WE'LL RUN THAT FOR YOU WITH THE HALF PENNY IN 10 AND WE'LL SHOW YOU WHAT THAT LOOKS LIKE AT SIX YEARS AND WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE AT SEVEN YEARS. OKAY?

Thomas: GO AHEAD, COUNCILMEMBER.

Dunkerley: THE CITY MANAGER JUST ARTICULATED EXACTLY WHAT I WAS GOING TO ASK IS TO HAVE THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT DO IT AT SEVEN YEARS AS WELL BECAUSE THAT WOULD GIVE YOU A LITTLE BIT MORE CAPACITY WITH THE SAME AMOUNT OF DOLLARS.

Futrell: WE'VE BEEN SITTING TOGETHER TOO LONG, COUNCILMEMBER.

Thomas: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS ON THE DRAFT BALLOT? COUNCILMEMBER KIM.

Kim: ONE OF THE IDEAS THAT HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO ME IS LOOKING AT AUGMENTING WHAT WE SPEND ON OPEN THROUGH 0 TO LOW INTEREST LOANS OFFERED BY THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD. AND THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE COULD USE TO SUPPLEMENT WHATEVER WE DO IN THE BOND PACKAGE RIGHT NOW. AND WE PROBABLY WON'T GET THE ANSWER OR GET THAT FINALIZED IN TIME FOR OUR VOTE, BUT I'D LIKE TO ASK FOR STAFF'S ASSISTANCE IN PURSUING THAT ROUTE AS ANOTHER FINANCING MECHANISM FOR VOLUNTARY LAND PRESERVATION AGREEMENTS AND AQUIFER PROTECTION.

Futrell: I THINK WE'VE ACTUALLY DONE THAT ON PAST OPEN SPACE. WE'LL HAVE TO TALK WITH JUNEY TO SEE EXACTLY, BUT I REMEMBER ONE PROPOSAL WHERE WE WERE LOOKING AT THAT LOAN SOURCE. WE HAVE LEVERAGED THOSE DOLLARS VERY HEAVILY WITH CONSERVATION EASEMENTS, A VARIETY OF DIFFERENT TOOLS AND TACTICS, INCLUDING GRANTS, FARM LOAN GRANTS, AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION GRANTS.

Thomas: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? IN MY UNDERSTANDING THIS IS JUST SOMETHING YOU BROUGHT A PRESENTATION

TO THAT WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE TO DISCUSS THIS.

Futrell: YES.

Thomas: SO WE'RE LOOKING AT AN ADDITIONAL 60 MILLION, RIGHT?

Futrell: I HEAR IT ALREADY. SO WHEN WE COME BACK ON THE 8TH WITH THIS POSTED TO SET BALLOT LANGUAGE, WE'LL BE ASKING YOU TO HELP US LOCK DOWN THE SCOPE OR SCALE OF THE PACKAGE, THE DOLLAR AMOUNT. WE'LL BE LOOKING FOR FINAL CONFIRMATION ON GROUPING. WE WILL BE LOOKING AT THE BALLOT LANGUAGE ITSELF FOR EACH ONE. AND THEN THE ORDER. THE ORDER FOR IT TO GO ON THE BALLOT, WHAT GOES FIRST, WHAT GOES SECOND, WHAT GOES THIRD ON YOUR PROPOSITION. IT REALLY COVERS OUR BASIC PROPOSITIONS.

Thomas: ALL RIGHT. ANY OTHER DISCUSSION? IF NOT, MS. GENTRY, THIS IS IT? Y'ALL HAVE A GOODNIGHT. MOVE FOR ADJOURNMENT.

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